



## Project Christmas Cheer

By Barbara Johnson

Matthew 25:35-40 says, "When I was hungry, you fed me; when I was naked, you clothed me; when I was a stranger, you helped me." Then these righteous ones will reply, "When did we feed you or clothe you or help you, Lord?" And the Lord will reply, "When you did it to these my brothers, you were doing it unto me."

Angel Trees loaded with the names of local children who need your help to have a Merry Christmas are now waiting for your generosity at One Harbor Church in Morehead City and One Harbor Church in Beaufort, Shepard of the Sea Lutheran Church in Atlantic Beach and Smyrna Pentecostal Church in Smyrna. Children can be adopted by individuals or groups. If you, or your group, have the ability, you can contact the Christmas Cheer office to choose whole families and other adults to provide food and gifts. If shopping is not your thing and you want to support the program, cash donations are used to fill needs that are not already addressed. There is a real need to fill the requests of teens whose Christmas lists often include higher priced technology gifts and computers.

County seniors celebrate at a Christmas luncheon each year at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. There are gifts, food and entertainment for those persons 65 years young or older who qualify for the Christmas Cheer program. The Salvation Army provides a tremendous assist to Project Christmas Cheer every year by providing meals to families in the Christmas Cheer program and funding gift cards for teens and adults who are not adopted.

During the 2015 Christmas season 561 families in Carteret County were assisted through Project Christmas Cheer. There were 965 children, 671 adults and 117 seniors adopted and provided gifts due to the generous support of the citizens of Carteret County. It is with the continued support of the entire county community during 2016 that Project Christmas Cheer will continue to thrive and, hopefully, all God's children are blessed.

More information about Project Christmas Cheer is available at the website [projectchristmascheer.com](http://projectchristmascheer.com) or by visiting Project Christmas Cheer of Carteret County on Facebook. Individuals, churches, businesses and civic organizations wanting information on making donations to Christmas Cheer or adopting children can contact the Project Christmas Cheer office at PO Box 1914 in Morehead City (28557) or by calling 252-247-7275.

## Local Christmas Events

- Crystal Coast Festival of Lights through Saturday Dec 11th at The Market, 1046 Cedar Point Blvd.
- Dec 10: Santa by the Sea at the NC Aquarium, Pine Knoll Shores. Tickets sold 10am-4pm. For information call 252-247-4003
- Dec 10: Semi-formal Christmas Ball 7-9pm at Ft Benjamin with DJ Tom Bone \$20 per individual, \$30 per couple in advance, \$30 and \$40 at the door. To pre-register visit [ccpr.recdesk.com](http://ccpr.recdesk.com)
- Dec 10: Morehead City Christmas Parade 11am
- Dec 10: Historic Beaufort Candlelight Homes Tour 5-10pm. Tickets \$14 by calling 252-728-5225

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## Accolades

### Hole-In-One

By Bill Gilbert

I play golf once or twice a week with CB Chappell and Joe Smith. On October 18th, I was playing the front nine with CB and having a decent round. When we reached the 6th hole, I selected a nine iron and hit a shot that sailed high and seemed to be right at the flag which was on the back left side of the green. From the tee we could not tell but it seemed to have gone right over the flag and rolled toward the back of the green, but when we got to the green, we could not find it. It was not on the green so we searched for it in the deeper fringe where we figured it had settled down. After searching for 5 or ten minutes, I gave up and dropped a ball in the deep stuff and hit a shot to the green. CB played to the green and he was away so I went to tend the flag for his putt. That's when I found the ball in the cup. It was a mixture of surprise and elation.



I fully recognize the role luck plays in this and the scores on my card for the rest of the round is ample evidence that luck may play an even bigger role than I thought. Still, what a great experience. Wish I had seen it roll into the cup, but I'll take it. How nice to have a witness as well, as I found it hard to believe myself.



# Old Stomping Grounds

## Charlotte, NC

By Monica Sellars

It's wonderful how sometimes life events unfold and we adapt, even when the change kind of catches us by surprise. We really did not intend to move from Raleigh to Charlotte, but when we had the opportunity, we surprised ourselves by quickly adjusting to the idea and committing to the change. Once we arrived, we did not intend to stay; we resisted admitting that we liked living in Charlotte, even though we did, in fact, enjoy our five years there.

For most of our time in Charlotte, we lived in a second floor apartment, between three neighbors that cooked pungent food, listened to loud music, and left their barking dog alone all day long. Needless to say, we took every opportunity to get out and explore the city. We took advantage of both the uptown amenities and the rural attractions within day-trip driving distance.

In Charlotte, they call the main downtown city area "Uptown." I like that uptown feels small enough to not be overwhelming to visitors. We enjoyed going uptown for a shot of culture and excitement. We enjoyed visiting the Mint Museum on Randolph Road, which is the state's first art museum, located in the building of the first United States Mint. The Levine Museum is another museum that we thoroughly enjoyed visiting. It focuses on the South's post-Civil War history. And if you enjoy learning about a city on a walking tour, there are terrific group guided tours of uptown available, as well as self-guided routes online.

We also enjoyed dining in Charlotte, of course. Of the many restaurants we tried, our all-time favorite is certainly the Cajun Queen. It is an all-around fabulous restaurant experience. It's located in the historic Elizabeth neighborhood, in an historic house. There are comfy tables in every corner of the house, live jazz every night upstairs, as well as outdoor seating on the upstairs porch. The Cajun food is



## Pet of the Month

### Buddy Ball and His Kitty-Sister, Sweets

By Debra Ball

It is my pleasure to introduce Buddy Ball to Brandywine. Buddy joined my family when he was 1 ½ years old. He was 4 in July. He is my first Golden Retriever. In my adult years, I have had Black Labrador Retrievers. PeeDee the Pirate, my last Lab, moved to Brandywine with me. He was such a big part of my life that I knew I had to wait until the time was right for another dog. When my friend and neighbor, Robert Stinnett, approached me about Buddy, I knew the change in breed was right and so was the time. He is such a beautiful boy in appearance and spirit.

He came to me with all the positives – AKC registered, up to date on all vaccines and meds, house broken, crate trained, neutered, and obedience class trained. John and I traveled to Durham in January of 2014 to pick him up. The only worry we had when we brought him home was how our cat, Sweets (named after all of Doris Ulmann's cats), would react. We opened the door, and in he ran. Sweets sat still on her cat perch and looked at him as if to say, "Well, I wondered when you were coming." All was good. The little calico tabby and the big Golden were sister and brother.

How to describe him? He is an absolutely beautiful boy. He has a soft, gorgeous coat with feathers that add shading. His big brown eyes will melt the hardest heart. He loves to be brushed or just lie at/on my feet. He enjoys his walks and is happy to share some of his "Lovin" with everyone he meets. He first greets the dogs and then moves on to their people. Mr. Baxter Magel, Mitsy Casey, and Grace Harman are his special little friends. He particularly enjoyed the Yappie Hour at the old tennis courts. He did not know how to act off leash with so much stimulation. Buddy looks forward to meeting you the next time he takes me for a walk.

fabulous, of course! This is a place we return to every time we visit Charlotte.

When we needed a break from the city scene, we would drive out to the slower, quieter areas that surround Charlotte. We put many miles on my old Mazda, driving to different local wineries, just to have a destination for our country drive. We also took several trips to the Reed Gold Mine, which is located in Midland, NC. We loved the story of the Reeds using their first gold discovery as a doorstep for years, before realizing what they had! We also enjoyed hiking at South Mountain State Park, Crowder's Mountain, and the Uwharrie National Forest.

At Christmastime in Charlotte, we enjoyed the Charlotte Symphony's Christmas concert. We were also introduced to the McAdenville Christmas lights display. The town of McAdenville, just West of Charlotte, calls

themselves "Christmas Town USA." Every year since 1956, the residents deck their homes with thousands of lights, evergreen wreaths, and festive bows. Cars line up, so many that they are sometimes backed up on the interstate, to creep through the town and take in all of the beautiful decorations. It's a great way to slow down a bit and get into the spirit of the holiday!

From Brandywine, you can easily take a weekend trip to Charlotte. Maybe, like us, you never intended to go to Charlotte; however, I bet that once you get there, you'll find a reason to like Charlotte, just like we did!



The Firebird sculpture at The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, the start of our Charlotte walking tour.





# ALL ABOARD!

By Jerry Levesque

You may have already heard; but if not, please allow me to inform you that, for personal health reasons, I resigned my position of President of the BOA and my place on the BOA board. This was not lightly taken, but I believe that it was for the best. I truly enjoyed my relatively brief time "in office," especially the support given me by other board members and committee and organizational chairs, the backbone of our community. On a day-to-day basis, it is you and your organizations that keep our community functioning and prospering. It has been an honor working with you. Thank you for what you do.



# ALL ABOARD!

By Ed Myers

This being a time of giving thanks and reflecting on the past year, I would like to take the opportunity to do so. Many thanks to all of our committee chairs and volunteers, without your continued support it would be impossible to perform all the tasks needed in our community. Often our committees do not get the kudos they should receive. The board and I thank you for all you do.

Recently our president, Jerry Levesque, has stepped down from his position for personal reasons. I will be taking over the duties and responsibilities as president at this time. Jerry has done a fantastic job as president this past year. The board will greatly miss all the efforts that he has put forward for this community. We are currently looking for volunteers for the board appointment to finish the empty time frame.

Looking forward to the new year, the board has set a few goals. We are currently getting bids to replace our street signs. We are looking at a different design and a more durable sign. Maintenance of our drains will remain a top priority. Closing of our gates at an earlier time. Safety and maintenance of our roads and enforcement of stop signs and speed limits. It has been suggested to add more speed bumps however the board is looking into another option. I have contacted the Sheriff and asked if he could research the legality of his officers enforcing posted limits and stop signs. Our streets are considered public when the gates are open. The board is trying to be proactive on this problem before one of our residents is hurt whether it be in a vehicle or on foot. The worst time of day is early-morning and dusk when residents are going to or coming from school or work. This problem is not just "youngsters", it is heavily weighted with our mature residents. Please, for the safety of our community, abide by the stop signs and speed limits. It's everyone's duty to make sure our community is safe.

The process is started to find residents that are willing to serve on the board. Anyone interested-please contact the one of the current board members. The board is made up of volunteers who are proactive and they place a high priority on keeping our community the premier place to live.

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year;  
Ed Myers  
President, BOA

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# Leaving a Legacy

By Greg Patterson, Financial Advisor, Atlantic Wealth Management

You've worked hard over the years to accumulate wealth, and you probably find it comforting to know that after your death the assets you leave behind will continue to be a source of support for your family, friends, and the causes that are important to you. But to ensure that your legacy reaches your heirs as you intend, you must make the proper arrangements now. There are four basic ways to leave a legacy: (1) by will, (2) by trust, (3) by beneficiary designation, and (4) by joint ownership arrangements.

## Wills

A will is the cornerstone of any estate plan. You should have a will no matter how much your estate is worth, and even if you've implemented other estate planning strategies. You can leave property by will in two ways: making specific bequests and making general bequests. A specific bequest directs a particular piece of property to a particular person ("I leave Aunt Martha's diamond brooch to my niece, Jen"). A general bequest is typically a percentage of property or property that is left over after all specific bequests have been made. Typically, principal heirs receive general bequests ("I leave all the rest of my property to my wife, Jane").

With a will, you can generally leave any type of property to whomever you wish, with some exceptions, including:

- Property will pass according to a beneficiary designation even if you name a different beneficiary for the same property in your will
- Property owned jointly with rights of survivorship passes directly to the joint owner
- Property in a trust passes according to the terms of the trust
- Your surviving spouse has a right to a statutory share (e.g., 50%) of your property, regardless of what you leave him or her in your will
- Children may have inheritance rights in certain States

**Caution:** *Leaving property outright to minor children is problematic. You should name a custodian or property guardian, or use a trust.*

## Trusts

You can also leave property to your heirs using a trust. Trust property passes directly to the trust beneficiaries according to the trust terms. There are two basic types of trusts: (1) living or revocable, and (2) irrevocable. Living trusts are very flexible because you can change the terms of the trust (e.g., rename beneficiaries) and the property in the trust at any time. You can even change your mind by taking your property back and ending the trust. An irrevocable trust, on the other hand, can't be changed or ended except by its terms, but can be useful if you want to minimize estate taxes or protect your property from potential creditors.

## Beneficiary designations

Property that is contractual in nature, such as life insurance, annuities, and retirement accounts, passes to heirs by beneficiary designation. Typically, all you have to do is fill out a form and sign it. Beneficiaries can be persons or entities, such as a charity or a trust, and you can name multiple beneficiaries to share the proceeds. You should name primary and contingent beneficiaries. You should also consider the income and estate tax ramifications for your heirs and your estate when naming a beneficiary. For example, proceeds your beneficiaries receive from life insurance are generally not subject to income tax, while your beneficiaries will have to pay income tax on proceeds received from tax-deferred retirement plans (e.g., traditional IRAs). Check with your financial planning professional to determine whether your beneficiary designations will have the desired results. Be sure to re-evaluate your beneficiary designations when your circumstances change (e.g., marriage, divorce, death of beneficiary). You can't change the beneficiary with your will or a trust. You must fill out and sign a new beneficiary designation form.

**Tip:** *Certain bank accounts and investments also allow you to name someone to receive the asset at your death.*

## Joint ownership arrangements

Two (or more) persons can own property equally, and at the death of one, the other becomes the sole owner. This type of ownership is called joint tenancy with rights of survivorship (JTWRS).

You may find joint ownership arrangements are useful and convenient with some types of property but may not be desirable with all of your property. For example, having a joint checking account ensures that, upon your death, an heir will have immediate access to needed cash. There can be some disadvantages to joint ownership arrangements, however, including: (1) your co-owner has immediate access to your property, (2) naming someone who is not your spouse as co-owner may trigger gift tax consequences, and (3) if the co-owner has debt problems, creditors may go after the co-owner's share.

**Caution:** *Unlike with most other types of property, a co-owner of your checking or savings account can withdraw the entire balance without your knowledge or consent.*

If you have not made plans and put in writing your desires for your assets when something happens to you, the time is now. It is an act of love to take care of this yourself, make sure everything is as you wish, and not leave these types of things for your heirs to struggle and agonize over when you are gone.

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# Local Christmas Events

- Dec 10: Beaufort Holiday Art Walk 2-5pm Free
- Dec 10 & 11: Gingerbread Festival supporting the Crystal Coast Hospice House 11am – 5pm at the Crystal Coast Civic Center. Free
- Dec 11: A Celtic Christmas with the Jennifer Licko Band, 2pm at Joslyn Hall, Carteret Community College. For tickets call 561-670-5534
- Dec 11: Downeast Christmas Parade, 3pm on Polly Rd in Marshallberg
- Dec 16-18 A Very Merry Christmas Spectacular at Carteret Community Theatre. 7:30pm on Fri and Sat, 2pm on Sun. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children at [carteretcommunitytheatre.com](http://carteretcommunitytheatre.com)
- Dec 17: Claus Crawl in Beaufort sponsored by Connect Carteret 2-6pm. Tickets are \$10 and get you into 10 locations with a free Claus Crawl mug and after party. Call Janita Gonzales at 252-259-6562
- Dec 17: Crystal Coast Choral Society and Orchestra Christmas Concert, presents Handel's Messiah directed by Finley Woolston at 7:30pm at Cape Carteret Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Marilyn Zmoda at 252-247-5929
- Dec 18: Bunco at the Morehead City Train Station 6:30pm to support Croatan HS Project Graduation. Cards are \$15. Reserve by Dec 11th from Lisa Ruch [lisaondabeach@gmail.com](mailto:lisaondabeach@gmail.com)
- Dec 20: The Embers Christmas Show 2016, Carteret Community Theatre, 7:30pm. All tickets \$25 at [carteretcommunitytheatre.com](http://carteretcommunitytheatre.com)
- Dec 30-Jan 1 Crystal Coast Countdown. Too many great activities to list here. For activity schedule visit [crystalcoastcountdown.com](http://crystalcoastcountdown.com)



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**On Monday, December 26, 2016 at 5pm**, a Handel's MESSIAH "Sing-Along" will be held at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church, 920 Salter Path Road, Salter Path, North Carolina. This Third Annual day-after-Christmas event presents the entire oratorio – both sections – including all the arias. Once again the music will be led by Lewis Moore, conductor, and David Leahey, organist, along with a professional string quartet. Whether you are a singer or a spectator, all are invited to be a part of this exciting evening of fine sacred music in the live acoustic sanctuary of St. Francis by the Sea.

**Advance Registration is \$16** The courtesy of advance registration for singers is requested to ensure balanced vocal sections. Spectators may register early at the reduced price. Make checks payable to St. Francis by the Sea with "MESSIAH" on the memo line. Indicate your vocal part (S,A,T,B) or SPECTATOR, and include your phone number and email address. Checks may be mailed to St. Francis by the Sea, 920 Salter Path Road, Salter Path, NC 28512. Pre-paid tickets will be held in your name at the door.

**Deadline (postmark) for early registration is Wednesday, December 14.**

**Registration at the Door is \$20** Doors open at 4:00 for registration and singer check-in. The sanctuary doors open for seating at 4:45. The music starts at 5:00. Refreshments are served at intermission.

*Registration does not include oratorios. Limited vocal scores are available for check-out. We use the Schirmer/T. Noble edition of the Handel's MESSIAH vocal score and encourage singers to bring their own score. For questions please email [sfbtsevents@gmail.com](mailto:sfbtsevents@gmail.com) or call George Hirasawa at (252)626-5075.*

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## Holiday Hazard and our Pets



During times of celebration, it is easy to overlook potential hazards to your pet's health and safety. To prevent mishaps, recognize these hidden dangers.

Most cats and young puppies enjoy playing with ribbons, string, and tinsel. Kittens and young dogs and cats tend to be more curious and playful, and appear to see these items as toys that need to be chased, pounced upon, chewed or swallowed. Once ingested, these objects can become tangled up in the intestinal tract. The rough or abrasive material rubs against the walls of the intestine, causing serious damage with each intestinal contraction. This scenario is often a life-threatening requiring immediate surgery for correction.

Dangling cords of various types are tempting to pets that like to play with string, or those that are teething and are interested in chewing. Cats, puppies, and many smaller dogs have extremely sharp teeth that can easily penetrate the insulation around electric light cords or extension cords. This behavior can result in burns to the tongue or an electrical shock that could damage the lungs or heart.

Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine, which has caffeine-like activities. Unsweetened or baking chocolate contains approximately 10 times the amount of this ingredient than milk chocolate. For the average cat, weighing 11 pounds, the toxic amount of milk chocolate is approximately 11 ounces, but 1-2 squares of baking chocolate or high quality dark chocolate has the potential to be fatal. For a dog weighing 22 pounds, as little as 2 ounces of baking or dark chocolate or 30 ounces of good quality milk chocolate is toxic. Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning include increased excitability, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhea, and in some cases sudden death.

Plants belonging to the lily family are highly toxic to cats. Because of this risk, it is best to prevent your cat or kitten from chewing on peace lilies, Christmas lilies, or other plants belonging to this family. Other seasonal plants that are toxic to cats include daffodils, narcissi, and spring bulbs that are commonly 'forced' to bloom during the winter. Poinsettia sap can be irritating to the mouth and stomach of the cat or dog that chews on or eats the leaves or stems of this festive plant. Despite popular belief, poinsettia is not specifically toxic, but can cause intestinal upset. Some mistletoe species are toxic, causing liver failure or seizures, while other species are only irritating to the GI tract if ingested. It is wise to consider mistletoe to be a hazardous substance and keep it out of reach of pets and children.

Where possible, keep pets out of the kitchen during the hustle and bustle of the season. The last thing you want is for them to get underfoot and get burned or otherwise injured. Try to keep in mind that sudden rich diet changes are likely to upset a pet's stomach. Vomiting and diarrhea are common medical problems that veterinarians see, but especially between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. If you feed leftovers that contain a lot of fat, the pancreas may become overworked and inflamed. Pancreatitis usually requires hospitalization and intensive medical treatment and can result in death. Also, if you leave an uncooked loaf of bread to rise on the counter, your dog may be unable to resist eating it. In the stomach, the bread can continue to rise and cause a complete obstruction of the GI tract. You should always make sure that nothing has been inadvertently left within your pet's reach.

# Easy Two-Ingredient Dog Treats

By Monica Sellars

I really enjoy holiday cookie baking, especially rolling and cutting cookie dough in cute shapes. However, I certainly don't need to eat bunches of cookies myself, so this year, I'm getting my baking fix by making a batch of dog treats. Our dogs ate them up, and they will be great to share with the other dogs in our family when we visit for the holidays.

<http://dog-milk.com/doggie-easy-two-ingredient-homemade-dog-treats/>

Depending on the size of treats that you cut out, this recipe can make a LOT of treats. If it's too much for your dog to eat within about week, consider cutting the recipe in half or freezing the dough or baked treats for later. Also, I wanted to make two flavors, so I used 1 cup of flour with each jar of baby food.

## Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour\* (white or wheat, or wheat germ, spelt, rolled oats — or a mixture of these)
- 2 - 4oz jars of pureed baby food\*\*

\*A note on the flour: if you'd rather create a grain-free version, you can substitute the flours listed for bean flour (like chickpea flour/gram flour) or even buckwheat (which isn't actually a grain and is gluten-free). Other options are quinoa flour, coconut flour, and even peanut flour — or a mixture of any of these!

\*\*A note on the baby food: Most baby foods do not contain these ingredients anyway, but it's good to note that you should avoid using any that contain onions, grapes, or raisins. Unsure about the ingredients? Check the online list from the ASPCA of possibly toxic foods.

## Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Mix ingredients together to form a stiff dough. If necessary, add extra flour or water as needed. Consider getting fancy and including tasty surprises like grated carrots or sweet potatoes, parsley, blueberries, bananas, etc. — whatever non-toxic fruits or veggies your dog likes.
3. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough out evenly until it's about 1/4 inch thick. Use cookie cutters to cut into desired shape or a pizza cutter to make squares.
4. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper, place treats about 1/2 inch apart. Bake for 20 – 25 minutes.
5. Allow to cool completely; you can just turn off the oven and let them cool overnight.
6. Store them in a paper bag to keep them crispy. Storing in an air-tight container will make them soft; watch for spoilage.

# Christmas Lights of NC

By Emory Rakeshaw

Take one big trip or do a few each year, the choice is yours but by all means consider making this road trip part of your holiday celebrations this year or in the future.

1. Manteo: The Elizabethan Gardens "Winter Lights" celebration
2. New Bern: Tryon Palace Christmas by Candlelight December 10th and 17th
3. Cary: Chinese Lantern Festival at Booth Amphitheater
4. Denton: Christmas Train
5. Tanglewood: Festival of Lights
6. Old Salem: Moravian Christmas
7. Concord: Charlotte Motor Speedway Christmas
8. McAdenville: Christmas Town USA
9. Forest City: 1 million lights on Main Street
10. Asheville: Biltmore Estate Christmas
11. Dillsboro: Lights and Luminaries

# Holiday Crafts: Yarn Hat

By Monica Sellars

<http://www.handimania.com/diy/little-yarn-hats-all-steps.html>

- Mark every 1.8 cm on the paper roll and cut at each mark to make five rings.
- Cut yarn into 14-inch pieces; you'll need roughly 30-40 pieces.
- Fold each piece of yarn in half and place inside the ring, keeping the ends on the other side of the ring.
- Thread the ends of the yarn through the loop and pull tight.
- Add enough yarn to cover the paper ring.
- Divide the ends in half and thread them separately through the ring to the other side.
- Tie another piece of yarn around the ends to form the pompom of the hat. You can tie the ends of this piece together to create a loop for hanging your finished hat.
- Trim the pompom to the desired length.
- Your hat is ready to hang on your tree, wreath, wrapped gifts, or on your drink glass.





# BOA Board Minutes: October 26, 2016 Cedarwood Village Clubhouse

The meeting was called to order at 7.04 PM by Jerry Levesque. Members in attendance were, Noreen Barrett, Ed Myers, Nancy Beszterczei. Bob White. Guest: Jerry Garner.

Jerry proposed we accept the minutes as written by Noreen Barrett from the September 26th General meeting. All Board members agreed.

Jerry Garner reported to the board that there was a minor change to the boat yard user agreement clarifying the appropriate storage items, which must have State registration. Jerry is proposing building some kayak racks in some smaller spaces to accommodate same. (see attached Amendment)

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob noted that he had moved some monies to Select Bank and Trust as they were offering a CD special with better yields than some of our other accounts.

**Secretary report:** None

## Old Business:

**Gate Card Audit:** Doris Ullman reported that there are approximately 130 residents that have not replied to the gate card audit. She has continuously tried to contact these residents. Noreen and Nancy have the outstanding list now and have undertaken to follow up on as many folks as possible before the outstanding cards are cancelled.

**Phone Tree Service:** Noreen and Will Gainey had a conference call set up with the new Phone Tree contact and will report back to the board.

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**Carolina Water Road Access:** The owner has given verbal approval to access the road. Paperwork is still being examined by lawyers. Hope to have it done by year end.

**Yard Sale and Art Walk:** Nancy reported there was a great turnout. Only 2 participants this year for the art walk. All signs were removed quickly.

## New Business

**Speed Bumps:** Jerry is following up and getting pricing from Onslow Paving.

**Street Signs:** Oak/Spruce sign was already fixed and estimates or other replacement were very high. Board discussed the possibility of replacing the wooden posts over time with a more long lasting post. Ed will follow up with the landscaper on recommendations.

**Storm debris cleanup:** Landscaper began immediate clearing. The cost of the total haul out was \$13,200. Some trees were included in this price.

**BBGC:** The club feels that club events should be printed in the Soundwaves paper. The paper feels like the BBGC should advertise in the paper like all local business. This was discussed by the board and the board

concluded and understands they have no control or ownership of the business operations of The Soundwaves. It is a publication owned by the Carteret News Times.

## Committee Reports:

**Drainage:** As received from Scott Carpenter: Constructed 2x new drainage ditches within Cedarwood Village\* Redirect main ditch flow and repaired ditch bank damage on the back side of English Turn\* Cleaned out approximately 29x culverts along Brandywine BLVD\* Cleaned out approximately 7x culverts along Wyeth Drive\* Installed a new drainage 8in pipe on Brandywine BLVD\* Spot cleaning from Brandywine BLVD / Lord Granville Dr. intersection to 24 gate ditches \* Cleaned out approximately 11x culverts along Pine Valley\* Cleaned out approximately 8x culverts along Hillcrest \* Cleaned out approximately 27x culverts along Oak Mount streets\* Cleaned out approximately 4x culverts and added small rocks by 211 Tree Fern .

**ACC:** As received from Charlie Sabathe:

### ALTERATIONS

418 Oakmont Dr.	Remove Dead Tree - Replace Shutters	1-Sep
704 Lord Granville Dr.	Add Coffee Room off Current Kitchen	8-Sep
112 Fairway Ct.	Remove Dead Trees	13-Sep
505 Pine Valley Dr.	Remove shrubby and trim back Trees	22-Sep
413 Hillcrest Dr.	Remove Dead and Leaning Trees	22-Sep

**Beautification:** Nothing to report

**Gates:** All good.

**Lights:** As reported by George Gaskins. Travis Electrical inspected all lights at the 70 entrance. He repaired one light and removed one beyond repair. I searched the net for an exact replacement with no luck. I took the broken light to the lighting store in Cape Carteret and they are searching for a replacement. Travis is holding the bill until we find a replacement light for installation.

**Cameras:** There was a wire replacement, which had been shorting. Playground camera has 2 transmitters out for repair.

**Playground Area:** Have received 3 quotes for the new swings. Decision to be made soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.15.

Next executive board meeting will be held at the Cedarwood Clubhouse, November 14, 2016 at 7.00PM. Next BOA General meeting will be held November 17, 2016 at the K Club.

Respectfully submitted by Noreen Barrett, November 11, 2016.

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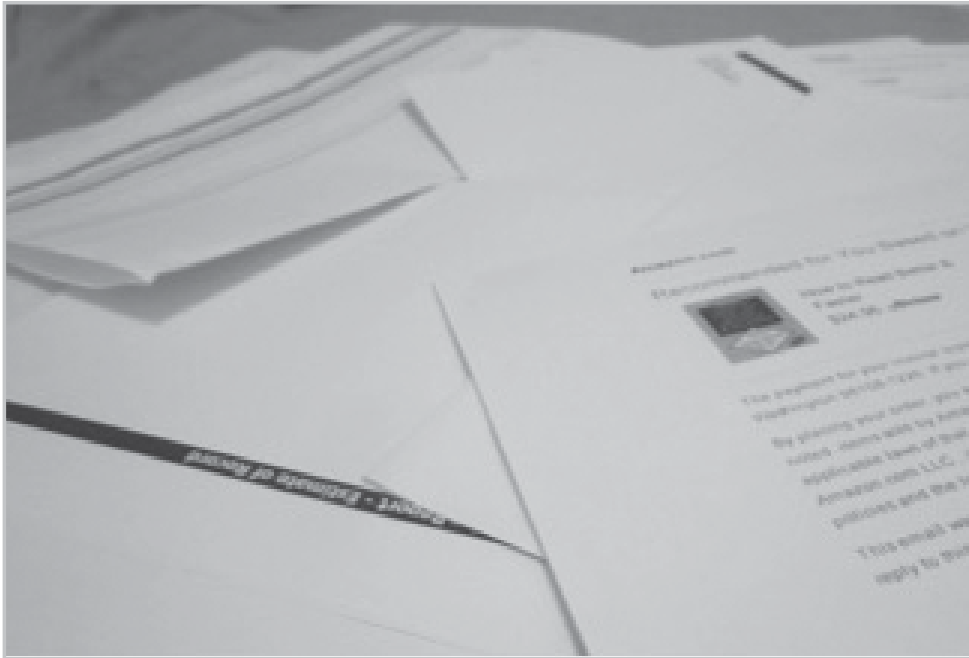
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# Easy Recycling at Work

By Hannah Nielsen



Do you recycle paper? Our office uses about thirteen gallons of paper every two weeks, and until last year all of it was being thrown away. This surprised me, but also motivated to implement some simple solutions.

First I bought an additional bin to sit next to our existing office trash can. This extra bin, differentiated only in size and color, was hence designated as our recycling bin. It holds mostly paper, but every once in a while we get an aluminum can or plastic bottle thrown in there.

Once the bin is full, I take its contents down the road to the Coastal Environmental Partnership - Newport Transfer Station. You've probably seen their Hibbs Road location without really noticing it. It's a sandy, fenced-in area with numerous blue and brown industrial-sized dumpsters. They are open from 7:30am to 4:30pm, and they take regular trash, larger household items such as furniture, and all recyclables.

The second thing I did was to start saving certain pieces of paper to be re-used. We seem to end up with a lot of unnecessary pages when we print documents. Many times these pages will be blank on one side and have very little printed on the other. I started collecting these pages to use as scrap paper. Just make sure that there isn't any confidential information on the paper before you use it again. (Of course, if there is you can simply shred and recycle that document).

In a working office it's very difficult to reduce how much paper you use, but at least you can re-use and recycle it. It takes less water, energy, and air-polluting chemicals for a paper manufacturer to recycle used paper than it does to produce new paper. And of course, it saves oxygen-producing trees, and reduces the waste pileup in our landfills. That's a lot of large-scale benefit resulting from some very small-scale changes in your office.



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# 18-hole LGA news

By Susie Garland

Oct. 27: Beat the Pro was the tournament of the day with a good crowd of 15 players participating. Troy played four/five holes with each group and the results were tallied at the end of the round. Combined with low net scores, here are the results: In third place, with a net 70: Susie Garland (that's me). A card playoff, each having a net 69, gave Pat Barber kudos for second place, with Ann O'Connor taking the win. It was a fun day out on the course with beautiful warm and sunny weather that brought out such a good turnout. In a hat full of names, Mickey Friend's name was drawn and guess what? She won the hat!



Nov 3: A good turnout of 19 players for Ace of the YEAR tournament with seven Aces competing. (Pudgy Groben, April Ace, was unavailable). The remaining 12 golfers competed in the game Best 9 holes (less par 3). Using one-half handicap, here are the results: With a net 35, Pat Ludwig took third place. In second place, with a net 34: Jean Hunsinger. First place, with a net 30: Nancy Hutchinson. Congrats, ladies. You done good! In the Ace competition, there was a tie for third place, each having a net 73: Sue King and Diane Mantho. Just ahead was Margie Bailey with a net 72 to take second place. Ra-ta-ta-rat-ta-ta-rat-ta-ta and kudos to our 2016 Ace of the Year, a deserved winner with a very low net of 64 (and a gross 89): Myra Roche. Yowsa, Myra, you really done good! Thanks to all the players who came out to play in the spirit of friendship and camaraderie. Dolly DiMarco stuffed \$12.00 into her purse when her name was called in the 50-50 draw. Wishing Dolly a speedy recovery after her recent surgery. We all enjoyed a variety of entrees for lunch after the round, followed by our annual BBLGA meeting. The slate of officers for 2017 was voted on and approved with the same board members continuing in their respective positions: President, Bernie Moreno; Vice-President, Myra Roche; Secretary, Lenna Easter; Treasurer, Jean Hunsinger.



Nov 5: The Keith Friend Wounded Warriors Project golf tournament was held on this date with just two all-lady teams competing in that division. The team of Rosie Angel, Pat Barber (who also got closest to the pin on hole 14), Loretta Beaulieu, and Anne Lynes beat out the team of Susie Garland, Pam Horton, Diane Mantho, and Bernie Moreno by one stroke. (We'll get 'em next year). Congratulations, ladies. You done good!

Nov 10: The 18-hole group hosted a Par 3 tournament with the 9-hole group. All the holes were converted to par #3 and played as such, so that was a good thing. Troy put out orange flags where we teed off and gotta tell you, folks, some were really teed off, remarking that they did better when they played the entire hole. "Tee" Hee. You

know, it is what it is, and it was what it was. We had a good crowd of 19 players competing (14 eighteen-holers and five nine-holers). Here are the results. There was tie for third place with a score of 73: the two Ann's (one with an "E" at the end of her name): Ann O'Connor and Anne Lynes. With a score of 69, Sue King placed second. And the winner? Why, it was none other than our Ace of the Year: On-a-roll Myra Roche. Congratulations, winners. You done good! And that, my friends, concludes the LGA tournament news for the year. But not to worry, devoted readers, Susie has other news up her sleeve—humorous stories and poems to come.



## 9-Hole LGA Sound Waves Report

By Lenna Easter

On Tuesday, October 18th, five Nine Hole Lady golfers teed off for the first week of the 2016 Championship. The gross score is used to determine the Champion. The fall weather for both weeks was absolutely perfect! Play started on the front nine, with the back nine used the following week to complete the 18-hole round. Lee Hayes scored best on the front nine with a gross score of 54. Lenna Easter had a 59 for second place and Anne Gilbert closely followed with a 60 for third place. On October 25th, we played the back nine to finish the event. Lee was really rolling as she took first with a gross score of 44. She birdied the 17th hole and pared two other holes. Lenna came in second with a 50 and Marilyn Ryder took third with a 57. After combining the scores from the two-week's play, Lee Hayes was named our Champion for 2016 with a 98. Congratulations, Lee.

November 1 was a classic fall day – better than one could hope for – now if only the golf game would follow suite. We played a game called "T&S", i.e., the holes starting with a "T" or an "S" were the only ones that counted. Since we played on the front nine, the scores on holes 2, 3, 6 and 7 were totaled. After adding these, half the handicap was deducted. When the pencils were put down, Lenna Easter came in first, followed closely by Lee Hayes for second.

The last match of the year was held on November 8th. Only Lee Hayes and Lenna Easter played N.O.S.E. on the back 9. It was a beautiful day even if it the morning temperature hovered in the high 40's. Lee had two pars and Lenna only had one, but the idea of the game was to score low on the holes beginning with an N, O, S and E. Half the handicap was applied after the four holes meeting the criteria were totaled. Lenna beat out Lee by one point for the win.

To summarize our year's activity, our stars are Lee Hayes who was the low gross 9-Hole Champion, came in as Runner-Up in the Freedom Tournament, and scored Low Gross, Most Pars and Most Birdies on the Ringer Board; Anne Gilbert was the winner of the Freedom Tournament and the 9-Hole division of the President's Cup; Lenna Easter won the Memorial Tournament 9-Hole Division, and scored Low Net on the Ringer Board as well as having most Chip-In's. Sue Verdon was Most Improved. Congrats to all winners.

It has been a great year for the 9-hole Ladies. We look forward to a big kick-off when Brandywine 9-Holers host the first Invitational in 2017 on April 26. Put it on your calendar!

We welcome anyone wishing to join us in 2017. The games are handicapped so all have a chance to "star". Indicate your preference of competing in nine or eighteen holes when you sign up for League Play in 2017.



By Susie Garland

On October 29, there were 14 couples participating in a two-person best ball on holes 1-9 and superball on holes 10-18. It was a beautiful warm and sunny day on the links with orange and black the theme to commemorate Halloween. (Hey, that rhymes). Out on the course were some ghouls and creatures who really got into the "spirit" for this fun tournament. After tallying up the scores, handicapped accordingly, here are the results: In second place, with a score of 62: Kathy and Chris Calling. Kathy also won the raffle draw and stuffed \$51.50 into her purse. The team of Coasty (Ken) Cornwall and Pat Barber took the win with a score of 61. Yowza, that was close. Pat also received a bright orange hat for achieving closest to the pin on hole #14 for the ladies. Ken Ghelli got closest to the pin for the designated men's par 3 (forgot which hole it was). After the round, there was a selection of appetizers served with complementary drinks (not the booze drinks). Haha. Thanks to all who participated in this fun event and the Brandywine staff for putting it all together.



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## Chrismukkah – a Mishmash of Christmas and Hanukkah

By Susie Garland

“Chris” and “mukkah” are two words combined  
Just in case you were wondering so keep this in mind  
“Chrismukkah” happens only once every year  
The name itself denotes holiday cheer

Many people believe that Hanukkah and Christmas are celebrations that are more or less equivalent, in part because they are celebrated occasionally at the same time. (This year, Hanukkah begins on December 24 and ends on January 1). However, these two holidays are celebrated for very different reasons. Contrast the two holidays by saying that while Christmas is about the birth of Jesus, who ushered in a new religion and culture, Hanukkah is about preserving a religion and culture from those who sought to change it. Both holidays have special foods and customs, songs and decorations for celebrating. For both Christians and Jews, the holidays are filled with not only religious implications, but also deeply rooted cultural and familial traditions as well.

Hanukkah means “rededication.” The holiday celebrates the events which took place over 2,300 years ago in the land of Judea, which is now Israel. The Jewish Temple was seized by Syrian-Greek soldiers and was dedicated to the worship of the god Zeus. The emperor made the observance of Judaism an offense punishable by death. He also ordered all Jews to worship Greek gods. A small group of Jews, who fought against overwhelming odds, rebelled, and after a three-year war, they recaptured Jerusalem from the Syrians. But the temple was all but destroyed. The Jews had to clean and repair the temple and when they were finished, they rededicated it to God. They accomplished this by lighting a lamp (the Menorah) which was to be a symbol of God's presence. They searched for oil to burn, but only one small jar of that precious oil could be found. There was enough for the candles to burn for only one day, but miraculously the lamp stayed lit for eight days; and so, for thousands of years, the “Festival of the Lights” has been celebrated to commemorate the miracle of the small amount of oil that burned for so many days. On the first night of Hanukkah, one candle is placed in the menorah. On each successive night, another candle is added. By the last night of Hanukkah, eight candles are glowing brightly in celebration of this beautiful festival, symbolizing how God looked after the Jewish people at this difficult time.

The holidays are a joyous time of year, spent in the company of our family and friends – a time to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for, and to bask in the warm fuzzy feeling of peace on the earth and good will toward all men.



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# Old Time Christmas

By Barbara Johnson

Christmas was a bit different in my day. I know, I'm dating myself, but many of you probably remember a simpler time before electronics, artificial trees and 24/7 holiday ads for toys on the web and TV.

I grew up in Connecticut where white Christmases were both dreamed of by children and dreaded by adults and teens. The December parties and special events that are enjoyed with no worries here in Morehead City were often cancelled or delayed due to snow around the holidays. Nothing is worse than not being able to get to your senior Christmas choir concert at school because snowdrifts block the way. That white stuff was joy to a kid but pure disaster for anyone over the age of 12.

As a child I had only one Christmas event to attend. No tree lightings, no Breakfast with Santa, no flotillas, no plays or concerts. One event dominated the season; the dinner at church where Santa gave all the children a small wrapped gift. Oh how that night thrilled me...until the year that Santa gave me the SAME gift he had given me last year. How awful, how unfair, how devastating! I put up such a stink that my Dad arranged for me to trade with my sister. All was forgiven because each year Santa called me on my birthday. I knew that voice – it really was Santa...I talked to him at church every year. My parents made certain to keep me away from all other

Santas; not hard since we children were never taken shopping by adults. If I happened to see a jolly St Nick, they explained that he was just an elf; Santa was busy making toys at the North Pole. What an age of innocence, when parents actually protected the magic of childhood.

The Advent wreath fragrant with pine boughs and the colorful Advent calendar with little paper doors marked the passage of time until Christmas. Cookies were baked and shared with neighbors. Fruit cake appeared on the counter (ugggh, nobody ate it). We actually sang Christmas carols throughout Advent, not just Advent hymns. I can still sing every verse of every carol to this day. I am a traditionalist when it comes to Christmas music and the sacred songs are my favorite. Our public school classes sang carols and the middle and high school choirs performed them. I doubt that many Christian children can even name a Christmas carol today but they sure know Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer, every word and verse. We've lost something.

Not only Christmas, but Hanukkah was celebrated in the schools. Many of my teachers had parents who survived the holocaust and my friends had grandparents who did. The reality of war and the decimation of the Jewish people was evident in my community and in valuing every life after the war, we freely enjoyed everyone's celebrations while honoring our own. Political correctness has destroyed that open exchange of ideas and respect for differences. While I offer a hearty Merry Christmas to just about everyone here in town, I recognize community members who are Jewish, Buddhist or Muslim and offer them a Happy Holidays without regret. I learned that at the feet of my family, in my church, from my friends and in my school. Sharing the rituals of another faith were the highlight of many holidays as I grew up.

Christmas was celebrated at Christmas, not for 2 months. The last Sunday of Advent, the Sunday before Christmas, our family put up its tree. Many families waited until Christmas Eve. That tree on the Charlie Brown Christmas cartoon

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# Celebrate Christmas by Restoring Furniture

By Hannah Nielsen

You may be surprised by my title and wonder what, if anything, furniture restoration has to do with Christmas! And I'll be sure to tell you eventually, dear reader...but not quite yet.

First I'd like to tell you how much I appreciate Carteret County's extensive selection of thrift stores. I always find something exciting: dishes, furniture, interesting gift items and even professional clothes for work. I'm always able to find quality products at a low cost, and it feels good to support the local economy.

Well a few months ago I visited one particular thrift store in Morehead only to find out that it was their final day of operation. They had to close down in order to make room for a new business in the plaza, so everything that could be, had to be sold. I am unashamedly a sucker for closeout sales and yard sales alike. I start to feel a personal responsibility to contribute. So I began to look around for something to purchase. Suddenly a piece of furniture caught my eye. It was a little worn and wobbly, and it was marked as a shoe rack, but I saw something different. A fun restoration project! I purchased the rack for a mere two dollars and fifty cents. Later I picked up some sandpaper and white primer paint at the local superstore (I already had paint brushes at home). These cost me only nine dollars and ninety-one cents. Now the labor of love would begin.

This rack- which I would be reinventing into a quilt rack- consists of two wooden panels which are connected and supported by sixteen screws and eight metal bars. I dismantled the rack, put the screws in a plastic bag, set the metallic bars aside and began to wipe down and sand the wooden panels. This was the most tedious part, but thankfully it wasn't too boring because I recruited a friend to help me.

Next I put down the first layer of primer. This part of the process ran a little slower because the panels are not free standing. Therefore each side would need to completely dry before I could turn it over to paint the other side. And of course, if you're planning to do this at home, the length of this part of the process would depend on how thick you wanted your primer, or if you wanted a different color of paint atop the primer.

Finally it was time to re-assemble the rack. I awkwardly balanced the panels while trying to evenly screw the bars back into place. It was a little tiresome and comical, but overall it was fun to see the project come together and look so good. Now depending on how I layer my quilts, the rack holds about five blankets. I love seeing them on display instead of collecting dust on my floor.



# Chrismukkah



By Susie Garland

Twass the night before Christmas and being a Jew  
Realized I had absolutely nothing to do  
The Gentiles were home hanging stockings with care  
While I lit the menorah and said the Hanukkah prayer

On Christmas day, there was one thing I knew  
So I did what all good Jews usually do  
Licking my chops put me in a good mood  
As it was time to go out and eat Chinese food

Off to the restaurant my spouse and me went  
To get some much-needed nourishment  
Around us sat others, their platters piled high  
While drinking their alcoholic Mai Tai

There were hundreds of choices on the menu to entice  
Dried beef and mixed veggies, lo mein and fried rice  
When at last we decided, and the waiter did call  
We said: "Skip the menu!" and ordered it all

Then in due time the food was all made  
It came to the table in a sort of parade  
Before us sat dim sum, spare ribs, and egg rolls  
With four different soups in four very large bowls

The courses kept coming, from spicy to mild  
Higher and higher toward the ceiling it piled  
And while this went on, we were very aware  
Every diner around us had started to stare

So much piled up—one dish after another  
My spouse and I could not see each other  
We poked and we jabbed till our fingers were sore  
While half of our dinner wound up on the floor

We swallowed our pride, feeling vaguely like dorks  
And called to our waiter to bring us two forks!  
We ate near to bursting and drank down our teas  
And barely had room for the fortune cookies

Our bellies were full and at last it was time  
To travel back home and write down this rhyme  
As this holiday draws near, we are thinking of you  
And wish you good health and much happiness, too

- Hanukkah for Jews is as important as Christmas is for Christians.
- Hanukkah lasts for 8 days. It starts the evening of the 24th of Kislev, whenever that falls. No one is ever sure. Jews never know until a non-Jewish friend asks when Hanukkah starts, forcing us to consult the calendar so we don't look like idiots. (I looked it up. This year, the first night of Hanukkah begins on December 24th). Christmas is one day; the same day every year: December 25th.
- Lighting of the menorah is the main Hanukkah tradition. The Hanukkah candles are added onto the special candelabrum from right to left, but are lit only from left to right. (Got all that?)
- Gifts are also exchanged during the festival of Hanukkah. This tradition is probably adapted from the Christmas tradition of gift giving.

Why Hanukkah is different from Christmas:

- There is only way to spell Christmas. No one can decide how to spell Chanukah, Chanukkah, Channukah, or Hanukah, Hanukkah, Hannukah, etc.
- A home preparing for Christmas smells wonderful; the sweet smell of cookies and cakes baking. A home preparing for Hanukkah smells of oil, potatoes, and onions. Hanukkah is a festival of cholesterol, celebrating the 8-day miracle with jellied donuts and potato pancakes fried in oil, served with applesauce and sour cream, stuffing your face silly with these fattening foods. The home, as always, is full of loud people all talking at once. Oy vey! Shaddup, already!
- If someone screws up on your gift, there are seven more days to correct it!
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# Meet Your Neighbor

## Troy Forguites

By Monica Sellars

Troy Forguites is the new Director of Golf at the Brandywine Bay Golf Club (BBGC), and he's got big plans and great ideas for attracting new golfers to the game. Troy is also a Brandywine resident, with his wife Emily and young son, Hudson. Originally from Rutland, Vermont, Troy has always been active in sports, including hockey, snowboarding, and football. However, due to several sports-related injuries, Troy decided to focus his abilities and his career on golf. He said the transition to golf was not difficult; he found that the golf swing is very similar to the hockey swing. Troy's interest in golf started when he was a teenager working part-time jobs at golf clubs. With the support of his grandfather, he developed his golf skills and passion for the game. He decided to move to North Carolina 10 years ago to advance his golf career, as NC has a longer golf season than Vermont – that is, warmer weather for more months of the year.

As the Director of Golf at BBGC, Troy coordinates golf events, activities, and outings. Troy thinks golf should be relaxed and fun, and he encourages everyone to give golf a try. He points out that golf is one of only a few sports that is a true lifetime activity – one that players can enjoy from childhood through retirement. He says that golf is a great way to meet friends, be active, and enjoy the outdoors.

Troy has a special focus on getting kids and families involved in golf. He believes that learning and playing golf can help shape a child into a respectful adult, as



lessons learned on the golf course, like patience and perseverance, are also valuable life skills. He enjoys working with kids and sees it as a way to honor the important people who supported him when he was young golfer. Troy is developing kid-centric activities at BBGC, like lessons, leagues, clinics, and events. The BBGC is also partnering with local schools; currently, it is the home of the Croatan Cougars high school golf team. In 2015, the Ladies team won the 1A/2A East Regional Championship and East Central Conference title!

There are plenty of opportunities for adult golfers to get in on the fun as well. The BBGC hosts functions, events, and leagues. Several fundraising tournaments are held each year to support community organizations as well, such as the Wounded Warrior Tournament and the Purple Heart Tournament. These are

popular events that draw large numbers of golfers. Troy appreciates that many of the dedicated BBGC league golfers volunteer to help during the tournaments.

All BBGC golfers will benefit from the exciting ongoing improvements on the BBGC course. Over the past two years, the BBGC staff has worked hard to beautify and improve the course. For example, there was a bunker on the 2nd Hole that historically gave golfers a lot of trouble; that bunker has been removed because, Troy says, they want golfers to enjoy their outing at BBGC and to remember it as a fun course. Another exciting development is the expanded driving range that is being built this winter. The full-size driving range will be in the location of the existing range.

When he is not golfing, Troy enjoys spending time with his family. "Hudson is truly a blessing that brings so much joy into our lives," Troy says of his son. He also enjoys being outdoors and hunting. He is a founding member of the After Hours Rotary Club in Morehead City and participates in Club activities as his busy schedule permits. During football season, Troy cheers for the Carolina Panthers.

Whether you are brand new to golf, a little rusty, or an active golfer who wants to improve your game, Troy would be happy to help you build your golfing skills and confidence! You can call the BBGC Pro Shop to schedule a private lesson or get information about membership, clinics and other upcoming events. You can also find information on the BBGC website: [www.brandywinegolf.com](http://www.brandywinegolf.com).

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# BOA Board Minutes

## November 16, 2016

### The K Club

Ed Myers opened the meeting at 7.00 and addressed the resignation of Jerry Levesque from the Board and wished Jerry all the best in the future. Ed said this would be a great time for volunteers to step up.

The meeting was called to order at 7.02 PM by Ed. Executive Board Members in attendance were Bob White, Noreen Barrett, and Nancy Beszterczi.

Ed asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written by Noreen Barrett from the October meeting. Nancy made the motion, Bob seconded and all Board members agreed.

**Secretary's report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob reported that he moved \$100,000 into higher interest bearing accounts at Select Bank from 1st Citizens. Ed commended Bob for that smart move as it is substantially more interest for the HOA. All accounts look good and the biggest recent expense was the clean up after the storm which amounted to \$13,200.

#### Old Business:

**Gate Card Audit:** Noreen reported that there are only about 100 cards unaccounted for. Noreen and Nancy are going to pursue some of the outstandings and after that and final notification via the Soundwaves, those cards will be cancelled.

**Phone Tree Service:** Noreen reported that she and Will Gainey had a trial run with the phone tree service and were happy with the results. John Miller is hoping to have to directory database uploaded by December 1 and the service may come into effect sometime after that.

**October Yard Sale and Art Walk:** Nancy reported that the yard sale was a huge success. Feedback was very positive both from sellers and buyers. The signs on the end of the streets were very helpful. Many thanks to Angela Zieleck and Dixie Leibert for all their help.

#### New Business:

**Storm Clean-up:** Donnie Bryant did a great job. There was no recovery FEMA plan so the association was charged. This was for storm damage only. It was discussed that many residents may not have known that the HOA is charged per load for debris removal and several homeowners pruned their yards and added their debris to the common area piles. There were 5 truck loads in total, more than we had estimated, as a result. It took a couple of days to assess the damage and book Donnie Bryant and then signs were posted with all the details regarding pick up.

**Speed Bumps:** Discussion was had regarding the lack of bumps from the tree houses towards Hwy. 24. People are speeding, and driving through stop signs. The roads within Brandywine are public when the gates are open and private when closed. The Board will be requesting the sheriff's department to patrol the area and write speeding tickets as needed. In the meantime, the speed bumps will be repainted and reflectors replaced where broken.

**Street Signs:** Typically, signs are replaced every 4-6 years. A new longer lasting sign is being proposed and Nancy showed a drawing of the new sign. It would be a double aluminum sign with a black wooden post, 8' tall. Repairing has been costly. Quotes for repair were from \$175-\$250. 10 need replacement.

Replacement Candidates to the Board. One position needed to be filled immediately. This is a very rewarding job with lots of committees to delegate work to. There will be 3 positions to fill.

#### Committee Reports:

**Drainage Report:** Scott Carpenter thanked Gordon Wall for all his mentorship. There were 3 main ditches cleared that run off Hwy. 70. 3 projects that Gordon started were completed, one in Tree Fern and one in Cedarwood. Lots of maintenance with ditch

clearing before September and the storm. Scott has used his budget but may clean out the culverts after May to avert any mosquito issues. Scott is following up with some water back up issues on Tree Fern after the next big rain event.

**ACC:** There was no report available at the meeting but was submitted after, in time to be inserted into these minutes

#### ACC OCTOBER APPROVED ALTERATIONS

103 Oak Dr.	Install Satellite Dish	1-Oct
107 Pine Circle	Remove Tree hit by Lightning	6-Oct
106 Beechwood Dr.	Remove Dead Trees	6-Oct
206 Spruce Dr.	Replace Roof	11-Oct
203 Lord Granville Dr.	New Fence	13-Oct
208 Tree Fern Dr.	Add Mud Room	22-Oct
302 Emerywood Dr.	Remove Leaning Tree	24-Oct

**Beautification:** Christmas. The Garden Club is no more! The Board asks that someone take on the Christmas decoration and organize a group effort to get this done. A few volunteers is all it takes.

**Gates:** The gates will now be closing at 8.00 PM.

**Cameras:** An electrician came out after water damage and all is fixed. Quotes are being sought on playground camera and lights.

**Boat Storage:** Jerry Garner reported that some corner areas are perfect for building some kayak racks. This will free up room in some main parking areas, which can only be taken up by registered trailers. Bills just went out for dues.

**Recreational Area:** The swings are being painted and volunteers were sought for raking leaves.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.10 and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

The next Executive Board meeting will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted by Noreen Barrett, November 27, 2016.

## December Sudoku

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# Dinner at Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar

We had seen the sign in the window: Coming Soon, and we were very excited that Morehead City would have a Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar! We found the Facebook page, and when we saw that it was open for business, we went for dinner. It was a Friday night, around 7:30. When our party of 2 entered the restaurant, we were immediately greeted and seated. Our server was friendly and attentive throughout our visit.

The Shuckin' Shack is a casual, family-friendly restaurant. There was '80s music playing on the speakers and several TVs tuned to various football games. The restaurant was full and active, but it did not seem noisy. The dining area has a variety of seating options: standard tables and chairs that are accessible to those with wheelchairs, limited mobility, and child seats, as well as pub tables and a large bar.

The menu offered a nice variety of appetizers, seafood, sandwiches, salads, and sides. Even if you follow a special diet, you should be able to find something tasty here! If you are not into seafood, the menu includes chicken wings and tenders. If you are a low-carb eater, you will find plenty of appealing seafood and salad options. If you are a vegetarian, there are several appetizers and sides that you could turn into a tasty meal. We started our meal with the crab balls appetizer, and they came out hot and fresh – yum!

For my dinner, I ordered the steamed seafood sampler, with clams, mussels, and shrimp. It was a generous platter of seafood delights!

Oyster lovers will appreciate all of the different ways that you can order oysters at the Shuckin' Shack. You can shuck them yourself or have them shucked for you. You can have them raw, steamed, or chargrilled. You can have them plain or topped with something savory. My dining companion ordered the chargrilled oysters with jalapeno, cheddar, and bacon, and reported that it was a delicious choice. That night, there was also a dinner special – lobster for a reasonable price – as well as drink specials.

The Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar is located at 707 Arendell Street in Morehead City (on the right as you go into Morehead, between 8th and 7th Streets). They are open for lunch and dinner every day; check [www.theshuckinshack.com](http://www.theshuckinshack.com) for the specific hours. You can also find the menu and more on Facebook.

Bottom line: Try the Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar today!



## Restaurant Reviewers Wanted

We heard you liked the restaurant reviews that were included in past issues of Sound Waves!

So...we are seeking one or more Brandywine residents to provide monthly reviews of local restaurants – both new eateries and old favorites. Please contact [editor.soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:editor.soundwaves@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering to “taste and tell!” Also, let us know if you are interested in forming a group of neighbors who meet monthly to dine out and then collaborate on the review. We can connect those who want to join so that you can make your plans. Articles should be no longer than 600 words and include a photo. The submission deadline is the 20th of each month.

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## Old Time Christmas

that we all laugh at? Well that was what all Christmas trees looked like back before the growth of a perfect specimen was perfected through years of hybrid experimentation. There were no artificial trees, no LED lights and no “themed” trees.

After Dad tested the lights and strung them through the spindly branches, we carefully hung glass (yes breakable glass) balls on the tree along with strings of popcorn and tinsel that had to be applied tiny sliver by tiny sliver to give the tree just the right look of icicles. A fake bird in a nest was placed in the branches for good luck. The family Nativity was carefully unpacked and placed in a prominent place on the mantle with all the figures facing with adoration to the baby Jesus. As dark fell, the black and white television featured movies like “Boys Town” and “The Bells of St Mary’s” with Mickey Rooney and musical dancing spectacles like “White Christmas” with Ginger Rogers, Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire. The large colored bulbs on the tree twinkled amidst the tinsel and it was truly magical for a child.

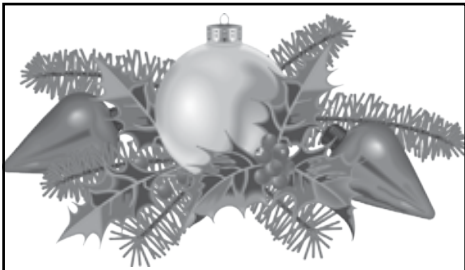
Christmas Eve meant church at 11pm, ending at midnight to welcome in the Christ child. The local radio station broadcast the service from our Methodist church then switched to St Augustine’s mass across the street at midnight. The darkened church lit by candles, the reading of the scriptures telling the story of the greatest gift ever given and the beloved carols remain the strongest testament to the life of faith that were the focus of the season back in that day. I knew without a doubt, even as a little one, the real meaning of Christmas from those December 24th nights spent in worship.

On Christmas day there were no mounds of packaged under the tree. Santa left a stocking filled with fruit and each child found a few presents under the tree; a board game, pajamas, a book and a toy if they were lucky. Excess was unheard of even in the post-war boom. There was no Black Friday, no Cyber-Monday, no before Christmas sales and no after-Christmas sales. That came years later. Adults saved all year long in Christmas accounts offered by the banks and families stayed within the budget. Frugality was a strong legacy from the depression and World War II. You got what you needed and if you were lucky, a little of what you wanted. And you wrote thank you notes to family members who dropped by with a gift.

The twelve days of Christmas were the focus as the season wound down and we looked forward to a new year. Unlike today when Advent is replaced by shopping days that start in October and Christmas carols are tossed for secular entertainment, the Christmas season was recognized according to the Christian calendar beginning on December 26 and lasting through Epiphany or January 6th, the day the Wisemen came to see the Christ child. These 12 Days of Christmas were filled with family and friends visiting, parties, good food and celebrations of the birth of the Christ child and the Christmas story. Even now, I keep my Christmas lights and decorations until the 6th in keeping with the ancient traditions of Christians around the world. I despair when I see all the lights disappear after December 25 and wish that Christians would return to some of the old ways of their faith.

December brings such a flurry of activity now that I never knew as a child. I try to keep it simple and in line with my past. I do put up the tree at the beginning of the month but that’s pretty much my only concession to the 21st century. My home has Nativities, Advent wreaths with candles and the only Santa is one kneeling before the Christ child and my only snowmen are a set depicting the Nativity. My music tends almost exclusively to the sacred. I try very hard to keep Christ in Christmas with my family and our traditions. Please join me in keeping your Christmas lights lit until January 6th this year. It will make my heart sing with joy.

If you have memories of Christmas past please share them with editor. [soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:soundwaves@gmail.com). I will use them in the December 2017 issue of Sound Waves. God bless you all this holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.



## With Thoughts of You at Christmas

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1. Pause
5. Ranch
9. Sodium chloride
13. Dwarf buffalo
14. A religion based on sorcery
16. Hodgepodge
17. Territory
18. Tubular pasta
19. Numerous
20. Run away to wed
22. Points of reference
24. Kind of bean
26. On the up and up
27. Pitiabie
30. Really enjoy
33. Stickiness
35. Toward the outside
37. Foot digit
38. A grasp of something
41. Regret
42. Binge
45. Friendliness
48. Bank employee
51. Gallivant
52. Paths
54. Fog
55. Ponders
59. Drive
62. At the peak of
63. Manages
65. Portuguese folksong
66. Friends
67. Attempts
68. Utilized
69. You (archaic)
70. Container weight
71. Focusing glass

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2. A Freudian stage
3. The outer region of the atmosphere
4. Pollywog
5. Dandy

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6. Cain's brother

7. Kidney-related

8. Bearing

9. Physical

10. Winglike

11. Connection

12. Playthings

15. Row of shrubs

21. Visual organs

23. 5280 feet

25. Largest continent

27. Derbies or berets

28. Take as one's own

29. Comes after Mi and Fah

31. Exotic dancer

32. Drags

34. Holiday drink

36. Expunge

39. A parcel of land

40. Residence hall

43. Oval

44. Distinctive flair

46. Speaker's platform

47. Pensive

49. Make into law

50. Comeback

53. Old photo color

55. Awestruck

56. Salt Lake state

57. Infiltrator

58. Clairvoyant

60. Biblical garden

61. Fishing poles

64. South southeast

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# CRYSTAL COAST STARGAZERS

By Monica Sellars

There are lots of stars in our sky here at the Crystal Coast, but until now, no official groups of enthusiasts in the area. Brandywine resident Fred Anglei, and other local stargazers, are solving that problem by starting a new group: Crystal Coast Stargazers.

Fred became interested in stargazing after attending a viewing at Fort Macon. He purchased a "starter" telescope and has been upgrading his equipment setup over time, which now includes a computer and a camera. He practices using his scope and mount, and his alignment skills, in his backyard, but the best viewing is actually done in areas where there are no streetlights.

Every month, Ft Macon holds a stargazing event, coordinated by a park ranger, Paul Branch. The viewings draw crowds during the summer, and although they continue through the winter, only the heartiest stargazers attend. The date changes each month to coincide with the new moon, which is when there is least light reflection from the moon and best opportunity to see the stars and planets.

The Crystal Coast Stargazers is formed of stargazers who met at the Fort Macon viewings, including Ranger Branch. The club is open to all who wish to participate. The Crystal Coast Stargazers conduct monthly meetings at the Webb Library, 812 Evans Street (on the corner of 9th and Evans Streets). Kids are welcome, although they would probably find the viewings more fun than the meetings.

The Crystal Coast Stargazers meet for viewings at the North River Wetlands Preserve, near Smyrna. This is about a 35-minute drive from Brandywine, but well worth the trip, as it is a large, undeveloped area that is perfect for viewing lots of stars. Be prepared to walk about 50 yards through a wooded area to reach the viewing spot. The field where the viewings take place is wide open, so you can see from horizon to horizon. The club has permission



Fred Anglei and his grandson Justin

to use the site, but participants need to fill out a waiver form. Participants can arrive early, before sunset, to set up their equipment and get acquainted with the area. The viewing can start about an hour later, and depending on visibility, can go late into the night for those who just can't stop gazing.

What happens at a stargazing event? Whether you attend a Crystal Coast Stargazers viewing or a Fort Macon viewing, Fred says that those who have a telescope bring it to the event. They train each of the telescopes on a different object in the sky, and the stargazers take turns looking through the each of the telescopes. Ranger Branch provides an orientation to newcomers, and experienced stargazers are happy to help new stargazers learn about the hobby.

If you are interested in stargazing, attend one of the upcoming events:

- Fort Macon's next viewing is December 16 at 5:30pm. Participants meet in the parking lot of the public beach area, where the concession and restrooms are located – not at the actual fort.
- The next Crystal Coast Stargazers meeting is December 14 at 7pm. Their December viewing at the North River Wetlands Preserve will be determined at the December 14 meeting.

For more information:

- Send an email to Fred Angeli at [fangeli@ec.rr.com](mailto:fangeli@ec.rr.com). You can ask questions and let him know if you would like to be on the email list to receive notifications about events.
- Visit the Crystal Coast Stargazers Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/CCgazers](http://www.facebook.com/CCgazers)
- Visit the Fort Macon website: <http://www.ncparks.gov/fort-macon-state-park/events-and-programs> (look for the Astronomy section)

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