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Orton Plantation Chapel
in early spring by John Muuss

Carolina Wren in ice storm by Deb Voso
While social events are not typically mandated by a POA’s governing documents, many POAs do so. In our case other groups, such as the Service Club and the Activities Committee have always filled that need. But when insurance concerns threatened the continuing existence of the Activities Committee, the committee members asked whether they could become part of the POA. Our goals are the same: to enhance the sense of community while at the same time breaking even financially.

The Activities Committee’s calendar for 2014 is:

- **January’s Ladies Night Out** (anyone for zumba?) was sold out within one hour!
- **Bowling and Italian Buffet** in February also sold out, with almost 120 participants.
- The **Murder Mystery Dinner**, scheduled for April 3, sold out in the first five minutes when the tickets were offered in January! So, the committee scheduled a second night, which also sold out immediately! Wow, these ladies know how to throw a party.
- The **Annual Street Dance** is planned for May 20. With more than 720 people attending last year, the venue will move from the Founders Club parking lot to the larger Reserve Club parking lot. Music will be provided by St. James’ own Mike’s Garage Band; and, as always, the band will donate their fees to charity - two great groups of volunteers working together.
- In June, July and August there will be monthly parties in front of the Beach Club. Just bring a hearty appetizer to share, and dance to the DJ-provided music.
- A September **Luau** is being planned. Can all you guys do the hula?
- In October the always-sold-out **Clam Bake** will be held at the community center to accommodate the ever-growing demand for this annual favorite.
- Finally, the committee ends the year with the ever-popular way to meet more of your neighbors: the **Progressive Cocktail Party**.

Eleven annual events are brought to you by 20 dedicated members of the Activities Committee. The always-sold-out nature of these events testifies to their popularity. When these events are announced throughout the year, run (no time to walk) to get your tickets, since they typically sell out so very rapidly. And remember to thank the volunteers for bringing fun and friendship to our wonderful community.

Gordon Corlew
POA President
The last article prepared for *Cat-Tales* focused on what to be aware of inside the homes to facilitate safety. This time let’s look at some of the things you should consider for the outside of the house.

You want to make sure to clear leaves, pine straw and whatever else might find its way into the gutters, eaves and porches. By eliminating this mess you are reducing the chance of providing a source of fuel for a fire. It also helps to make the house look neater – “curb appeal” as the sales folks say.

You also want to remove dead vegetation and pine straw from under your deck and within 10 feet of the house as they provide a good source of fuel for a fire. The St. James Fire Department (SJFD) encourages you to buy pine straw and mulch; indeed, we sell it! But we recommend you do NOT place pine straw up to the house – maintain a 10 foot buffer. And you can use pine bark to act as that buffer; which, by the way, we also sell.

You should also consider removing anything you have stored underneath decks or porches. Again, they might provide a source of fuel for a fire. We have seen propane tanks stored under porches. The typical propane tank used for grills can become a virtual bomb if heated enough. Storage of tools and other items in your crawl space can also provide hazards should you decide to see if you have water in that space.

One way to reduce the desire to store anything below decks is to enclose the area using lattice materials. This will make the area look nicer as well as make it difficult for you to just throw an item under there.

Those of us who don’t use a lawn service have to be cognizant of letting debris and lawn cuttings accumulate around the property. These clippings, if piled inappropriately, lose their composting properties and become sources for spontaneous combustion. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.

It might make the house tidier if you store items in the attic or garage. However, please note that some of these items can have the potential of being combustible. If you can’t store stuff safely, follow the lady of the house’s sage advice and throw it away.

Should you smell smoke or think you have something burning in the house, please do not hesitate to call your SJFD! This is especially true if you do discover a smoldering fire. We are trained and equipped to put fires out using equipment that makes your garden hose pale in comparison.

By Jim Carey

If you are interested in putting out fires, please consider joining the fire department – just stop by the fire house or call the non-emergency number (253-9990) to discuss your interest.
What is a more exciting way to celebrate a New Year than with planning your dream home! But why build with Kent Homes? Easy. As one of the most successful builders in St. James, Kent Homes sticks to four proven core principles for a smarter way to a luxury home; You get more personalized attention so there’s more “you” in your home, you get a home that just feels better because it comes together more elegantly, your home will be done right the first time, and you will have the most satisfying homebuilding experience in the industry.

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DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT

The annual Street Dance will be held Tuesday, May 20, from 5-9 p.m. in the Reserve Club parking lot. Back by popular demand is Mike’s Garage Band playing songs that will make you want to “get up and dance” the night away.

Wristband-tickets are $5 per person and can be purchased at the following locations and times. Please make your check payable to St. James POA.

April 1  Members Club  11 a.m.-1 p.m.
April 9  Community Center  10 a.m.-12 p.m.
April 16  Tommy’s  5-7 p.m.

For a great evening of fun under the stars, bring your partner, food, non-alcoholic beverage, table and chairs. Beer, wine, soft drinks and water will be for sale by the clubs.

There is no rain date for this event. Proceeds from the sale of wristband-tickets will be donated to Lower Cape Fear Hospice.

LADIES NIGHT OUT 2014

Oh, what a night!! Ladies Night Out was co-chaired by Beth Henderson and Gale Sullivan. This year featured zumba and half line dancing - something for everyone to enjoy. DJ Don Jewell of Jewell Events had a good time dancing right along with the ladies and keeping everyone energized. For something different, Dove Bars made a grand entrance this year as an added “sweet treat” to keep the house jump’n. Our own St. James resident, Patti Accordino (who teaches at the community center), led the zumba along with her teaching friends, Pam Donahue (Cape Fear Fitness) and Pat Fornuff (another resident instructor). Line dancing was provided by Mamie Brown, 2013 President of the Society of Brunswick Shaggers (SOBS), Judy Koehly, shag instructor with the SOBS, and our own St. James resident shagger, Sandy Boney.

We are constantly striving to refine and improve this event that so many of you look forward to each year. So until next year’s surprises, wishing you a fun-filled 2014!

Upcoming Events

April 3 & 4  Murder-Mystery Dinner (Mardi Gras theme)
May 20  SJAC Street Dance with Mike’s Garage Band

For specific information on each event, consult the SJAC website:
www.stjamespoa.org/group/ActivitiesCommittee

Submitted by Jerri Connor
Ever wonder who’s responsible for sprucing up the beach club, staining the pedestrian bridges or installing sidewalks? In large part it’s the POA Infrastructure Committee (IC).

The IC, co-chaired by Jim Noonan and Rich Turek, also include Joe Chek, Brian Flanagan, William Lendh, John Mattel, Larry Moulin, Thomas Seery, Douglas Starr, Ted Stephens, Paul Waksmunski and Ed Wisniewski. The board liaison is Jeff Toner and for the fire department it is Michael Van Tassel.

The IC members bring unique talents and a plethora of experiences that immeasurably improve the community assets and enrich the attractiveness of living in St. James. These dedicated volunteers contribute hundreds of hours in meetings with engineers, contractors and building specialists to obtain quality results on every project. The committee’s responsibilities encompass roadways, sidewalks, gate houses, beach club facility, three roadway bridges, 33 pedestrian bridges, utility systems, Waterway and Woodlands parks, recreational support and assisting other POA committees on an as-needed-basis. Since the IC’s inception seven years ago, the assets turned over by the developer to the POA, and hence the IC, have grown considerably. The IC completed 2013 on a high note with numerous maintenance projects that were managed cost effectively and successfully completed on time.

The IC-initiated projects usually start with individual property owners or special interest groups suggesting the need for a specific requirement. The IC then researches the proposed project and its associated cost and submits its recommendation to the POA board for approval. A typical example is the recent installation of the kayak launch ramp in Waterway Park that will serve the St. James Kayakers club.

Other recent projects include installing the new sidewalk on Ellington Place, staining the Woodlands and Players Club bridges, removing intrusive tree roots from the Polly Gully bridge to Waterway Park, refurbishing, painting and updating the main gate guard house, and road repairs as needed.

For 2014 project lists are now being prepared and team assignments established to assure compliance with projected dates for completion. Moreover, several projects have been proposed and Scope of Work documents have been prepared that will eventually lead to project specifications and competitive bids. As examples, the beach club list includes more than 40 areas that will need attention prior to the opening season in May and the extension of the St. James sidewalk will involve both the IC and the Landscape Committee. Other projects, like the Polly Gully bridge, take several years in planning meetings due to the numerous federal, state and local permitting authorities.

The IC is always looking for additional volunteers since the POA asset list continues to expand. If you have an interest in joining the IC team, contact either Jim Noonan at jamesn2624@aol.com or Rich Turek at acr35@earthlink.net, and submit a brief resume of your background and any volunteer activities you may have been previously engaged in.

By Jim Noonan and Rich Turek
Transition of a POA from one controlled by a developer to one controlled by the property owners is of prime importance to all residents. In St. James, two areas which the developer also controls are The Clubs and the marketing of St. James property.

**HISTORY.** In December 2002, the St. James POA established a committee composed of residents to study all aspects of transition and its potential impact. Since that original committee was chartered, three subsequent committees have been tasked to review and update the reports. At present, an eight-member Transition Due Diligence Committee is responsible for identifying actions the POA board should take to ensure that when transition occurs, the property owners inherit a community free from legal, regulatory, financial and physical (infrastructure) issues. The committee meets on a regular basis with dedicated liaisons from the POA board, Finance, Infrastructure and Landscape committees that keep us apprised of activities that can impact all aspects of transition.

**HOW TRANSITION WILL OCCUR.** As defined in St. James’ Master Declaration, transition will occur in one of three ways:

1. When the developer holds title to less than a total of 50 residential lots and/or dwellings;
2. January 1, 2020; or
3. When the developer, at his discretion, decides to relinquish control of the board. This last option would require a written notice six months prior to this transition.

**MOST LIKELY.** Our community is unique and extremely fortunate as it is rare that a developer will relinquish operational control of a community to its residents. In essence, transition has unofficially occurred because elected POA board members and 12 POA committees supported by more than 100 volunteers run day-to-day operations in St. James. With January 1, 2020 approaching – and being most likely the way for transition to occur – the Transition Committee is re-examining all aspects of transition.

**CLUBS.** An important consideration is, “What will the developer do with The Clubs after the POA board transitions?” They encompass four golf courses, multiple tennis courts, four pools, two (soon to be three) fitness facilities and five restaurants including Tommy Thompson’s Grille. The beach club has already been transferred and is operated by the POA along with our parks and community gardens.

**MARKETING.** Another important question is, “Will the developer continue to sell and market property and homes on a national level as is done presently?” Most of our residents relocate from other parts of the country. Since the local market is not our target for sales, continued national marketing will be required.

**IMPORTANT NOTE.** The Clubs and the marketing department are not affected by the 2020 transition date. Both are owned by various ownership groups, which comprise St. James’ Developers. The disposition of both is the groups’ sole decision to make.

Several years ago a Future Clubs Committee investigated other large-scale resort communities to better understand various scenarios for successful club transfers. During this inquiry they discovered that successful communities also took on responsibility for marketing themselves. The ownership groups’ continued operation of both is to St. James property owners’ benefit, but when the groups choose to divest, property owners should have a plan in place to protect their interests.

This year the Transition Committee will continue monitoring all aspects of a successful transition with emphasis on the future of The Clubs and marketing operations. Our goal is to protect property values and to keep St. James a community of which we can all be proud.

By Bob Accordino, chairman, Rich Turek, Luther Bivins, Joan Madsen, Katie Allardycy, Mike Farage, Bill Young and Bob Filippi
When my husband and I moved here full time, we quickly adopted a dog from a local shelter. Our new pack member, Logan, readily adjusted to life in our home but his previous surroundings were not always this comfortable. Found as a stray near a river, he spent over two years in the excellent care of a no-kill shelter.

To provide Logan with canine companionship, we brought him to the two St. James dog parks, one near the chapel and the other in the Woodlands. When our POA set aside these two fenced areas, they provided dog owners with a real gift, places where our dogs could run, jump, and play unencumbered by the leash. In addition, dog owners can meet each other and share stories, many of which involve rescued dogs.

Dog overpopulation is a daunting problem. Dogs are surrendered to shelters by owners; others are picked up as strays or removed from situations of abuse. Here in the Carolinas it’s made more challenging by backyard breeders and puppy mills. Many end up in the ugly underworld of dogfighting or euthanized by shelters.

Those who wind up in St. James with caring and patient owners have hit the canine “jackpot.” Their owners can go on extended leash walks through woods, along the water, through neighborhoods and parks. The social dynamics of the dog parks provide the chance to recover their dog life. They can relearn their interactive skills with dogs and humans and bolster their confidence. They grow stronger, physically and emotionally.

Since Logan and I have been going to the dog parks, he and the other dogs have made great strides. Shy or fearful dogs are now frolicking, running and greeting familiar dogs, checking out newcomers and welcoming them to the “St. James pack” to the delight of their owners.

Dogs provide us with love and companionship and keep us active. While we can’t rescue every dog, it’s very gratifying to see the number of residents who have adopted dogs (see photos). Many St. James folks also volunteer at local shelters and adoption events such as at Paws Place (www.pawsplace.org), Southport/Oak Island Animal Rescue (SOAR) (www.soar-nc.org), and the Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office Animal Protective Services facility (http://aps.brunswicksheriff.com). St. James may be “going to the dogs” but that’s a good thing!

By Barbara Lemos
Tim Moloney & Raven

Maryanne Derck’s Sydney

Maggie Park & Anggie

Lon & Irene Barricelli’s Grace Kelly

Kathleen, William & Tandie Thomas

John Muuss’ Quigley

Chuck & Paula Jackson’s Misty - rescue cats rule

Rick D’Arconte, Marilyn Barstow & Enzo

Carol Chadwick & Bela

Suzanne & Tom Williams with Lily & Maggie

Stephanie Hosid’s Spanky

Ann Metz’ Maggie & Pren Halladay’s Gidget
The Brunswick Concert Band is pleased to introduce the conductor for their spring concert, Michael Stringer.

Mr. Stringer moved to Southport 10 years ago from Charleston, West Virginia. He is the former woodwind and jazz studies instructor at West Virginia State University, and was a saxophone instructor at the University of Charleston. He holds a master’s degree in humanities from Marshall University. Along with the Brunswick Concert Band where he performs on alto sax and bassoon, he is associate director of the Brunswick Big Band and performs on lead alto. Michael is also active with Brunswick Little Theatre, serving as music director for many of their productions, most recently The Wizard of Oz and Beauty and the Beast. He also plays jazz piano and sax with the Nick Michaels Trio, and sax and flute with the Exiles soul band.

This spring’s concert will feature selections from Broadway musicals and the ever popular concert band marches. The free concerts will be performed Friday, April 4, 7 p.m. at Hatch Auditorium in Caswell Beach and Sunday, April 6, 4 p.m. at Seaside United Methodist Church in Sunset Beach.

Anyone wishing to play with the band can contact Tom Smicklas, membership chairman at tsmicklas@aol.com. Auditions are not held, but it is necessary that you are able to play at the high school level.

By Mary Helen Turek
Paul and I thought it would be fun to have the entire family of two daughters, their husbands and four grandchildren (ages 13-16) on a trip to Costa Rica. We met on the west coast of Costa Rica for what I thought would be several days of enjoying the beach, ocean, monkeys and good food. However, the next day, which was eagerly awaited by the children, tested our resolve, bravery and common sense.

The day began with a galloping horseback ride through streams and narrow paths in the rainforest. It certainly was an up-close and personal look of how thick the jungle-like forest is. This was followed by what I envisioned would be a serene tube ride on the water, like those in the U.S. Wrong!!! We each had our own tube as we entered the river where Class 3 rapids and six-foot waterfalls were just ahead. While we were all good swimmers, the inability to control the tube made this a rather harrowing adventure as you could hear the waterfall approaching but had no control over whether you went backwards or forwards. Bruises on the backside were our rewards. There was, indeed, a reason they had age limits of 12 and 70. While we slightly exceeded the upper limit, this is one thing I would not consider doing again.

Next came the zip line down the side of the Arendal volcano. Eight separate lines, some over half a mile long, awaited our tour of 30 people. The kids couldn’t wait and after our 10 minutes of instruction, we took off on the first short line and the last chance to back out. At the second platform, I found I was the only mature woman who chose to continue, due only to the dares by the grandchildren. It is very exhilarating to travel at more than 50 mph 600 feet above the tops of the tall trees of the forest below.

Unfortunately, at the end of each section, it is necessary to change your aerodynamic posture to a very unladylike position of opening your legs wide to slow momentum as you arrive into the arms of three men. I’m not sure what I looked like barreling into the men who, I believe, learned English on the spot as one said to me, “You OK, lady?” I probably should have asked them that question as the vision of me approaching that platform must have been truly mind-boggling! By the end of the eighth line I was ready to do it again and the kids loved it, but the tour had to go on.

The rest of the tour was calm in comparison with rafting, water fights and touring the rainforest, which lived up to its name as it rained every day. There were also side trips to pineapple and coffee plantations before it was time to come home. We all survived and a good time was had by all.

By Sue Maguire
**VSee** videoconferencing software is a new product from VSee and is yet another videoconferencing product but with some differences. Of course, there are other videoconferencing products on the market, such as Skype, FaceTime (for Apple), Google Hangouts, Gather Education and Adobe Connect, to name a few. However, VSee is without a doubt the easiest to use and the basic package is free.

Features include:

- Multipoint group video chat: see everyone at once (bandwidth-dependent)
- Screen sharing: view apps and desktops shared from Mac and PC while video chatting
- Pan and zoom (depending on your camera’s features)
- Instant messaging and group chat
- No ads even on the free version
- Works on 3G, 4G, wired and Wi-Fi networks
- Desktop app available on Mac and PC
- Mobile app is available for iPad and iPhone
- Low bandwidth: conserves data usage
- Calls are secure: encrypted end-to-end
- Switch between front and back cameras (if available).

While the basic package is free, there is no technical support. However, the software is so simple and straightforward that you should not need technical support. The product runs under most versions of iOS 6 or higher and OSx 8 and higher. For Windows-based computers, you need a web camera and Windows 7 or 8. Although the app will run on older versions of Windows, it works best on recent versions.

Screen sharing is another useful feature of VSee to share a document and annotate. It is as simple as pressing the green V-share button that appears in the ribbon at the top of your PC document or by clicking the green V in the menu bar on your Mac. You can share any window or any portion of a window instantly with all participants in the conference. Avatars and face accessories are a fun feature of VSee. Space aliens, sharks and dinosaurs are some available options. The VSee app scans your face for calibration and then maps your facial expressions onto the avatar. Alternatively you can adorn your own face with an accessory such as a crown, pig nose or space helmet.

When used on a 3G or 4G network such as Verizon, data rates will apply. VSee’s compression algorithms and low bandwidth make this the lowest cost alternative for cellular use. The number of simultaneous users is limited by network speed as well; however, for most non-commercial use this is not an issue.

To get VSee, go to [http://vsee.com/](http://vsee.com/) or to the Apple App store to download the software. You need to register for a free account and you are then set to begin using the easiest videoconferencing program ever. You can also send an invitation to others from this page. I have used this app with my children and grandchildren and particularly like the ability to conference in others regardless of location. Try it; you’ll like it.
St. James Fishing Club
Speakers for the next meetings will be:
March 4 - Mark Dickson, Myrtle Beach shallow inshore guide
April 1 - Andy Fisher, Artificial Reef Association

The 2014 fishing derby, with added awards categories for captain and angler of the year, kicked off in January with Mike Foote being the first club member on the leader board with a 17.5-inch black sea bass. Nice fish! (www.stjamesfishingclub.org)

St. James Model Yacht Club
The 2013 skipper awards (first, second and third places) went to Larry Phelps, Peter Wilding and David Paxton, respectively. Congratulations! (http://sjpmyc.weebly.com)

Garden Club
Members, including president Heather Adams, Mary Margaret Carmen and their spouses, pruned the chapel’s trees and bushes, complementing the renovations to the interior. At the March 18 meeting, Ed Meyer of Bella Bonsai will demonstrate the art of Japanese bonsai pruning. (www.stjamespoa.org, Club/Groups tab)

St. James Bikers
The March 22 ride will be to Oak Island and the April 12 ride will be to Kure Beach. Register to ride on the club’s webpage. (www.stjamespoa.org, Clubs/Groups tab)

Charity Golf Event for Paws Place
Save the date to participate in the charity golf event at Oak Island Golf Club on April 19 to benefit Paws Place. Consider adopting a pet, such as Helen and Keller. (www.pawsplaceshelter.com)

New Dates and Location
The Brunswick Players performance of I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change will now take place at the Brunswick Center at Southport (next to the Wingate Inn) March 1 at 7:30 p.m. and March 2 at 3 p.m.
Operation At Ease Begins Seventh Year Of Service

Hard to believe that Operation At Ease (OAE) is only a few weeks away from hosting our first military families of 2014 to begin our seventh consecutive year of the program.

OAE began the year with its annual Meet & Greet event at the St. James Community Center on January 23. The weather cooperated and over 110 people came out to share the evening. Our fantastic volunteers provided the usual assortment of delicious food, almost all of which was consumed by the end of the evening. With a background video showing many of the families that we hosted last year, members of the board of directors presented a short program describing their areas of responsibility to provide the audience with an overview of how the program operates.

One of the guests was the President of the Grand Strand (Myrtle Beach) Chapter of Rolling Thunder, Bill DeVaughn. Rolling Thunder has over 90 chapters throughout the United States and is a very active veteran’s support group. After hearing about OAE’s work, Bill’s chapter made a very generous donation to us late last year. Once he listened to the presentations and viewed the video, he had very kind words to say about the mission and success of OAE. He was going back to Myrtle Beach with a good understanding of the OAE model and already had two or three local developments in mind that may establish their own programs.

Another very rewarding part of this year’s Meet & Greet was the 41 prospective new volunteers that attended and then signed up to support the program. What a promising start for the 2014 season!

The success over the past six years would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers who directly and indirectly made each military family’s visit to St. James a wonderful experience. The board of directors cannot thank you enough, along with the hundreds of St. James residents who contribute financially to the program year after year. Without all of you we could not offer this wonderful, complimentary R & R weekend to these deserving families.

As a reminder, please be on the lookout for the order form in your mailbox for both the purple American Cancer Society bows and the blue patriotic OAE bows complete with American flag. This year 100 percent of the proceeds will go directly to these very worthy causes. Please make sure your check includes your address, which bow or bows you are requesting and a contact phone number. Your bows will be attached for you to the mailbox at the address you provide.

OAE is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization. If you would like to become part of our volunteer team, please contact us via our website at www.oaeamerica.org, by emailing Penny Chesnut at pchesnut@chesnut7@email.com or calling Penny at 253-0710.

Submitted by Don Hill for the OAE board of directors
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We don’t just BUILD in St. James
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WON’T YOU JOIN US?
With spring almost here, the Service Club is busy collecting donations for its annual spring flea market. The next general meeting of the Service Club is Wednesday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the Members Club. Guest speaker, Bill Sullivan, will discuss duties of the Civil Air Patrol. If you are not yet a Service Club member and want to find out more about the club, please sign up to attend the March 10 Welcome Tea by contacting Donna Godbout at 253-9664 and come to the general meeting.

16th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET – DOLLAR$ for SCHOLARS
If you have no space for that “treasure” or that thing-a-ma-bob that you haven’t used in years, donate that item to the Service Club for the 16th annual Flea Market. Every Monday afternoon until April 21, collections will be received at Sentry Storage between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. In addition, furniture can be picked up at your home on March 18 and April 15. Contact Jackie at 454-4232 to get on the pick-up schedule. Let’s re-use or recycle into others’ hands and homes all that accumulated stuff.

On Saturday, April 26, the doors of Brunswick Community College (BCC) in Bolivia will be open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Smart shoppers start lining up at 7 a.m! Bring cash and find a gem in the furniture or kitchenware section. Maybe you need something from the tool, sporting goods, games or toy section. Profits from this yearly activity will fund scholarships for Brunswick County High School students and BCC nursing students.

DO YOU PLAY BRIDGE?
Sunday, March 23, at the community center, the Service Club will sponsor a Charity Bridge event. The last day to register is March 18. Contact Teri Harrison (tharrison0104@gmail.com or 910-253-9962) for a registration form, which is also available on the Service Club website (http://www.stjamespoa.org/serviceclub). Proceeds from this first time event will support grants for the Brunswick County Literacy Council, Brunswick Senior Resources, Brunswick Family Assistance, Coastal Horizons, Hope Harbor Home, Hospice and other Brunswick County charities.

FARMERS MARKET RETURNS FOR SECOND YEAR
… at Woodlands Park in late spring. Thanks to everyone who supported the market last year and “relished” the wonderful produce and fresh goodies available right in our back yard. The Farmers Market committee welcomes the community’s input to help plan the 2014 market such as a favorite vendor whom you would like us to contact, an idea to attract more customers. Contact the Farmers Market Committee at SJPFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

Submitted by Debby Surniak

SAVE the DATES
March 10 - Welcome Tea - 4 p.m., contact Donna Godbout at 253-9664
March 23 - Charity Bridge Game - 1 p.m. at community center
April 9 - Service Club general meeting - 9:30 a.m. at Members Club
April 26 - Flea Market - 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at BCC
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For a limited time, the Physical Therapy department of Dosher Memorial Hospital is offering FREE Sports Injury Assessments for members of the St. James tennis community. If you have experienced an injury or have pain or physical limitations which have been preventing you from playing tennis, give us a call.

Dosher’s physical therapy professionals will assess musculo-skeletal injuries and make recommendations depending on your individual needs, allowing you to participate as soon as possible or continue to participate in the sport you love.

For more information or to schedule your free sports injury assessment, call the Physical Therapy department at Dosher Hospital at 457-3843.
Hosting from the Heart

New residents, Don and Anne Marie Keith, moved from the Tampa, Florida area last May. Originally from New Jersey, their children and granddaughter still live there. When Don retired as a manufacturers’ representative, they chose St. James so that they could become “half-backs,” in between their family in New Jersey and friends in Florida. Don soon joined a golf group and the fishing club. An avid fly fisherman, he plans a trout fishing vacation this spring. Anne Marie also likes to play golf and has joined the nine-holer group. However, the Keiths wanted to do something more meaningful with their lives. In their 49 years of marriage, they have hosted visiting teenagers from Spain, France, South Korea, Germany and Japan. Anne Marie contacted Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) with which the Keiths had worked previously, and before she knew it, they agreed to become a host family to two teenagers for this school year.

Benypa Rojpibulstit (Benny), age 16 from Thailand, and Xinran Dai (Xin), age 17 from China, attend South Brunswick High School (SBHS) and will return to their respective home countries in mid-June. They had studied English previously which has helped them transition to their new school. Xin admitted that when she first started school, she was nervous about being in a new culture and felt that her English wasn’t strong enough, but now, she feels more confident with fitting in. However, Benny stated that her school in Thailand was much stricter. She has been surprised with the lack of a dress code and the more relaxed atmosphere.

Don said that both girls are excellent students and very serious about their schoolwork. The school bus picks them up at 6:45 a.m. and returns them at 4:15 p.m. which makes for a rather long day. Both Don and Anne Marie praised the teachers for their dedication in working with Benny and Xin. St. James resident, George O’Brien, has been the interim guidance counselor at SBHS and has especially helped the girls adjust to their new environment.

Xin has already completed her high school requirements for graduation in China. When she returns home, she hopes it will only be for a few months before returning to the United States to begin university studies. Benny and Xin stay connected with their families and friends through texting, email and Skype.

Don and Anne Marie expressed their delight at being a host family to Benny and Xin. Anne Marie already dreads the day when she will have to part with these two temporary daughters. Besides sharing their home and love with these two students, the Keiths also have two standard poodles, Ava and Jeb, which they adopted as rescue dogs several years ago. There seem to be no bounds to the generous love and warm hospitality that Don and Anne Marie share with those around them. Welcome to St. James!

By Gayle Allen
The winter storm, although never expected and definitely not wanted, may have been a blessing for all of us. The weather forecasters made an almost perfect prediction. Early warning was extremely helpful, projected start time was statistically close and both the forecasted impact and duration were right on. It was a perfect "dress rehearsal" for a real emergency for all of us.

The series of events gave your emergency management team an ideal scenario for direct coordination with county emergency services and National Weather Service personnel, dialog with town and POA officials, and ultimately execution of our emergency response, coordination and recovery plan. Our mayor quickly matched the state and county by declaring a state of emergency for St. James. As a result, we activated the emergency operations command center, established internet, telephone and radio communications with all of our counterparts and brought up and used our communications link with all of our residents. Our objective was to broadcast data of interest to town residents without duplicating information available from other sources.

Our fire department spent hours checking and preparing their equipment before the storm hit. Coordination from the POA resulted in Rodney Nelson and his RNI, Inc. staff, along with The Clubs at St. James, teaming up to spread sand at critical locations throughout the town. We closed the Players Club bridge because it was potentially one of the most dangerous sections of road in the town. Finally, POA security continually kept us up to date on the current road conditions throughout St. James and facilitated closing and controlling the Players Club bridge. We were lucky; we never lost power and we had no storm-related accidents or serious medical incidents.

The main reason for our success goes to you, our residents. We had 99.99 percent cooperation from everyone. You heeded our warnings, stayed off the town roads, and respected the closings of the bridge, our clubs, town hall, the POA and our community center with grace. Let’s hope we can all respond similarly if we are ever faced with a major hurricane or other critical event.

By Ned Bacheldor
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Some History: From Small Park to Brilliant Light…

In 1999 an ardent Virginian, Barbara Brewer, organized her friends and neighbors and held the first Holiday Boutique in her St. James home. From that modest beginning, Barbara and another founding artisan, Diane Schwartz, enticed their neighbors with a cocktail party in February to organize those first participants for the next Holiday Boutique planned for November. From 2000-2004 the boutique was held at The Members Club. In 2005 the boutique outgrew Members Club and moved to the Southport Community Center on the water where it remains today.

That was pretty much the scope of the organization and their only planned event until 2007. At that time The Artisans organized into a full time group. However, not content with simply selling fine arts and crafts, The Artisans created a sister charitable organization, The Artisans of St. James. This group is dedicated to raising art awareness, promoting art instruction, and providing art grants and student scholarships in and for Brunswick County. In 2007 they awarded the first Barbara Brewer Art Scholarship. They raise funds by sponsoring events such as Evening with the Arts, Plein Air painting, studio tours and art classes. The Artisans also provides the many inspiring pieces of art at our community center.

On Memorial Day, 2010 The Artisans opened the current gallery located at the marina with about 60 artisans participating. Today the number has grown to about 65. At the gallery you will never be pressured to purchase anything. We only want you to come in, browse and enjoy. The primary goals of The Artisans and The Artisans of St. James will always be to foster their passion to create and to raise awareness of one of the essentials of a full and rich life – an appreciation of art.

An Invitation

Now that you know more about us, consider sharing your own creativity and love of art. Join The Artisans group by calling Peggy Calenda at 363-7328 or stop by the gallery to chat and pick up a membership form.

By FJ Harmon

St. James Chapel Gets Interior Facelift

The St. James Chapel board of directors would like to graciously thank the many donors who made contributions to the chapel’s capital fund! Because of your generosity, the chapel now has lovely new paint and carpeting throughout! Be sure to stop by or attend a service to see how much warmer and more welcoming your chapel is now. Worship services are held on the second Sunday of every month at 9 a.m., with area guest pastors in the pulpit.

The vision of Homer Wright was a building for worship that would portray a sense of community. The chapel was one of the first two buildings built at St. James in 1991. It is funded entirely by donations from property owners.

Your St. James Chapel is also available for weddings and memorial services. The capital fund will remain an ongoing fund for any future needs the chapel should have.

By Gayle Mitchell
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Behind The Scenes

The Thalian Association is one of a half dozen or so theater companies in Wilmington. Recognized in 2007 as the Official Community Theater of North Carolina, Thalian has been presenting shows since 1788. For the past eight years the company has been led by artistic director Tom Briggs. Tom came to Wilmington after a theater career in New York where he oversaw productions worldwide from the Rogers and Hammerstein library. I catch up with Tom between rehearsals for Thalian’s latest production, Big River, and ask him about the company and the next show.

I asked Tom about his affinity for producing shows that have never been seen in Wilmington. He responded by saying, “I do like to bring that premiere show to the audience. While it is great to do The Sound of Music and other classics, there are so many terrific shows that have wonderful messages and are at the same time great entertainment that it would be a shame not to do them. This show, Big River, would certainly fit in that category.” I asked Tom how the shows are chosen for a season and he said, “The suggestions come from many sources - sponsor surveys or favorites from our patrons. I have my list, of course, but the board will make the ultimate decision.”

I also asked Tom why Thalian was the only company in town that produced non-musicals in Thalian Hall. I found his answer to be rather refreshing. He said, “We have a city that has some wonderful actors who do not sing. We also have patrons that thoroughly enjoy non-musical dramas and comedies. Both of these deserve an opportunity to perform and see shows in this grand old hall.” And as luck would have it the next show is Of Mice and Men, directed by Tom Briggs. I wanted to know why this show was selected, as it is after all very heavy. Tom told me it is the depth of the relationships within the play that he wants to bring to life. It will run March 20 – 23 at Thalian Hall. For tickets or further information, telephone (910) 632-2285 or visit their website at www.thalianhall.org.

I finally asked Tom if he could share information about next season which he deftly deflected so I asked him what St. James residents should know about theater in Wilmington. Tom said, “I think, first of all, I would simply say that if you have not been to Thalian Hall you have missed seeing one of Wilmington’s jewels. It is truly a beautiful and historic theater. The second thing I would tell people is the talent in Wilmington is truly exceptional. The combination of these two elements means theater goers are honestly in for a wonderful evening of entertainment. And make a night of it. There are numerous great restaurants within walking distance of the theater. The bottom line is come check us out. I don’t think you will be disappointed.”

By Stuart Pike
All-Choir Festival IV – Make a Joyful Noise

Sunday, May 4, 2014, at 3 p.m. a special musical event will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southport. With the hope of raising funds for our local food pantry, the choirs, directors, and accompanists of the Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship churches will participate in “All-Choir Festival IV – Make a Joyful Noise.”

The churches, representing various denominations, work collectively to assist needy families and individuals who go without proper food or have emergency financial needs due to factors including injuries, illness, low wages, job loss, age, domestic violence or divorce. As the economy continues to falter, more and more people are arriving at the food pantry which is located at 249 West Boiling Spring Road, Boiling Spring Lakes. In 2013 a total of 5,564 households and 18,383 individuals were served.

The first choir festival in April 2008 with 12 choirs participating raised over $14,000 for the food pantry. Two years later All-Choir Festival II became a reality with 10 choirs performing and receiving $13,000 in donations. In 2012, 13 choirs joined together again and $11,800 was collected.

All-Choir Festival IV will be a musical gift to the community as well as an opportunity to feed the hungry in our midst. At the festival, each choir will perform a choral selection with all the choirs together at the program’s end in a combined anthem. Accompanists will also be invited to provide music at various times during the program and the audience will be asked to join in to sing some of their favorite hymns.

Please add May 4 to your calendar and plan to attend this worthy event. No tickets or reservations are needed and all donations will be gratefully received.

By Vickie Caruso
If 2012 was a busy tennis season at St. James, then busiest is the best way to describe the 2013 St. James tennis season. SJTA, USTA and BCTA matches competed for court time with clinics, lessons, camps, team tennis, club and open tournaments, exhibitions, team practices, the newly established tennis ladder and weekly pick-up games. The St. James Tennis Association membership soared to 350 members, a number never envisioned when the organization was started back in 2001.

This year also saw an expanded and more challenging variety of clinics offered by pros Brian Preston and Rob Currier. Specialized shots, hit and move, and strategy clinics made up the bulk of their offerings, but the recent purchase of an updated Playmate Genie ball machine has created significant buzz with the members. Now able to give lessons that incorporate a variety of spins, ball speeds and angles, these new clinics are popular and fill quickly.

The year ended with an exhibition match featuring Matts Wilander and Brian Preston, the start of the three courts at SeaSide and the installation of awnings over the bleachers at the Founders and Members clubs.

Tournaments are a large part of any tennis facility, and St. James is no exception. Throughout the year, members of the SJTA competed in a variety of exciting club, open and USTA tournaments. The 2013 club winners were:

**St. James Club Doubles Tournament Results, May 15–17**
Men's A Champions - Jim Southall and Kevin O'Connor
Men's B Champions - Rick Brown and Jim Taylor
Women's A Champions - Beth O'Connor and Susan Nelson

**St. James Club Mixed Doubles Championships, September 4-6**
Mixed A Division Champions - Beth and Kevin O'Connor
Mixed B Division Champions - Beth Erskine and Rick Brown
Mixed C Division Champions - Frank Carr and Barbara McLoughlin

**St. James Club Singles Championships, November 1-3**
Men's A Champion - Rich Pearce
Men's B Champion - Art Solomon

With so many new SJTA members, USTA participation was extremely high and the number of teams that progressed from local competition to the states and sectionals was also equally impressive. St. James had 18 local league and wild card winning teams advancing to the states and three state winning teams. Of particular note, was Janice Ammann and Cathy Richard's Women's 7.5 (40+) team, the first ever 40's team from St. James to advance to a state tournament. Our three 2013 USTA state champions were:

**State Winners**
Jerry Donovan Men's 3.0 (55+) team
Dag Egede-Nissen Men's 3.0 (65+) team
Cheryl Matsche 7.5 (55+) Women's Combo Team

Congratulations for all those who competed for St. James on USTA and BCTA teams. The new tennis year is poised to begin and St. James is ready!

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Mockingbirds are a group of new world passerine (perching) birds from the Mimidae family, but you may know them best as a flash of grey and white streaking perilously close to your windshield while you are driving in St. James. Both sexes are vigorous defenders of their nests and surrounding territory. The close-call fly-by is their way of warning you to leave their territory and don’t come back. Besides cars, they single out cats, crows and squirrels for harassment and dive-bombing. Sometimes people become targets if they annoy or harass a mockingbird. It is well documented that these birds can identify individual people and dive bomb them while ignoring other people in the same general area.

Northern Mockingbirds (Mimasis polyglottos) that we see here in St. James, are found from Mexico to Canada and coast to coast. The male learns between 30 and 200 songs from other birds; they also sometimes learn and sing ambient sounds like the croaking of frogs, cat’s meows and car alarms. The male begins singing in early spring running through his repertoire of songs and sounds, marking the boundaries of his territory and attracting females. Northern Mockingbirds sing all through the day and often into the night. Nighttime singing is more common during a full moon and by unmated males, which also sing more during the day than mated males.

With their aggressive hop and bobbing tail, they are very entertaining especially when displaying and dancing with wings widespread in what some have called a victory dance. This usually happens following an encounter with another mockingbird. The winning bird struts with wings lowered and head bobbing accompanied by its victory song. Males tend to confront other males while females fend off other females. If a mockingbird takes up residence in your yard, forget about feeding other birds there. Though mockingbirds do not often visit bird feeders since they primarily eat fruit and insects, but they also do not allow other birds to access the feeders if located in their territory.

Northern Mockingbirds nest in trees and shrubs typically 3-10 feet off the ground. The male chooses the nesting site, building several nests from which the female picks the one to finish. Northern Mockingbirds will have two or three broods per year which means a lot of searching for food and defending their territories. Males help to raise the young and sometimes end up caring for the previous brood’s fledglings, while the female builds a second nest for laying a new clutch of eggs. Though you would never know it from today’s population, the bird was on the brink of extinction during the nineteenth century due to the popularity of caged songbirds in that era.

Although they do not migrate, they do become less active during the winter months and therefore less entertaining. You can encourage mockingbirds to visit your yard by planting fruiting trees or bushes.

By Bill Voss

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There are a lot of boozy movements out there these days. As an example, there’s the craft cocktail movement, the craft beer movement and the craft beer cocktail movement. Whoa, what was that last one? Yes, you heard me right! So say goodbye to the drinker's golden rule, “Beer before liquor, never been sicker,” and grab your shillelagh walking stick (you’ll need it) and enjoy!

Green Beer Margarita. This is a fun and quick way to bring tequila into your St. Patrick's Day celebration. Pour tequila (about 2 ounces) into a tall glass filled with ice. Pour beer (preferably an Irish beer, like Harp) over the ice, leaving room at the top for a splash of lemonade or a few splashes of 7-Up or Sprite. Add a few drops of green coloring and gently stir (the bubbles will do most of the mixing).

The Giddy Irishman is a great combination of gin and beer. Combine 1½ ounces of gin, ½ ounce fresh lime juice, ½ ounce corn syrup and ¼ ounce of egg whites. Shake vigorously until all the ingredients froth, then pour the mix over cracked ice and top with a light beer.

Irish Blonde Brewjito. As you can likely guess, this is basically a mojito with beer and strawberries. Pour one ounce of light rum, ½ ounce of fresh lemon juice, ½ ounce of agave nectar, five ounces of a light beer and add one strawberry (sliced) along with five mint leaves.

The Bloody Irishman. Actually you may think it should be called “The Crazy Irishman” once you hear how it’s made but I can attest that it’s a different twist on the traditional bloody mary. Rim a tall glass with either celery or kosher salt. Mix 1½ ounces of Bailey’s Irish Cream and pour over ice. Next add four ounces of a bloody mary mix and complete with your favorite beer. Add a slice of lime and stalk of celery. And for an extra kick add a dash or two of Tabasco sauce.

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Kate Young

Kate Young has made things happen lately. She chose St. James for retirement after one visit last fall. Her house in Avon, Connecticut sold in three weeks, giving her three months until closing to purchase and move into a home in St. James. She pulled it off and by the end of June 2013 she settled into her new home on St. James Drive. When she stopped to catch her breath, she was happy to find that she was surrounded by a diverse and fascinating group of neighbors who made her feel at home since the first day.

Kate received her bachelor’s degree from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, formerly an all-women’s liberal arts college, and went on to pursue her master’s degree at Temple University in Philadelphia. She embarked on a long career in marketing communications, establishing this function from scratch for companies such as law firms and hospitals. In the interim since her official retirement three years ago from a large insurance company, she has kept the fun and income flowing with the same work, but part-time from home. She will opt for full retirement soon to better pursue beginner piano lessons and to continue painting, golfing, gardening, swimming and dancing (any willing shag partners?). She is nurturing plans to finally write “her book.”

Kate has no children or grandchildren, but she has something just as good – 7 siblings, 22 nieces and nephews, and 16 great-nieces and -nephews. She is very fond of all these young people and proudly notes that the feeling is mutual.

Paul and Judy Curry

I joined one of Judy Curry’s typically relaxed rounds of golf as she returns to the sport after a long hiatus. She is not against digging out her birdie bottle as needed in the name of friends, fun and improvement.

Paul and Judy met at San Diego State University, raised two kids in Houston and then moved to Dayton, Ohio. Paul retired as CEO of a printing company with plants in Ohio and Iowa after a 40-year career. Judy retired from a 26-year career with Continental Airlines which enabled worldwide travel with the family. But adventurous camping and backpacking trips with dog and kids yielded memories just as rich.

Their son Patrick lives in Brooklyn, New York with his wife and five-month-old daughter Isabel. Their daughter Katie lives in Chicago with her husband and two-year-old son Cole, with a second child expected on St. Patrick’s Day.

They bought their lot in 2005. A quick sale of their home in Beavercreek, Ohio meant renting at St. James for almost a year before moving into their new home on Covedale Lane in the Reserve in December 2013.

Settling on the opposite coast from their San Diego roots seems fitting. They love the beach, but this active couple will also be exploring much more of North Carolina’s great outdoors. Although Paul’s first passion is golf, they both look forward to getting back to the tennis courts after a 20-year recess. Biking, mah jongg, poker – they love that everything leads to meeting new friends in St. James.

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A Primer for the Novice on Golf Course Lingo

One aspect of golf instruction that is hard to find documented is the “language of the game” or “golf speak.” After striking a ball, veteran players know that the swing alone is not enough for the ball to reach its proper destiny. Wincing, pounding a club into the turf or turning away with an “aaarrggghhh” gives the ball little or no performance direction. Instead bring some language to the links, add some folksy golf savvy to impress your playing partners and improve your game. Below are examples of “golf speak” you may hear or use when the ball is in motion.

Run, Forrest, run - A wimpy shot that needs encouragement as it scampers along the ground

Hit it! Hit it! - The only thing between your skulled pitch and a back bunker is the flagstick

Spit it out! - A plea to the gods of the woods to reject your wayward drive headed for the trees and return it to playability

Bite! Bite! - A demand for the ball to land on the green and take hold from some phantom backspin

Nibble! - A variation of the above with less urgency

Hit a house! or Full Flaps! - A plea for a putt that has too much attitude and speed to slow down as it scurries past the hole

Let it eat!! - When you have smoked a drive down the fairway and you want to maximize roll and distance - after all, The Big Dog (driver) must be fed

Quack! Quack! - What you or your partners say after a duck hook from the tee

Let the monkey out of the cage! - Reference to a banana (slice) that has just been hit

Thin to Win! - A good karma cheer for a topped shot that is skimming along the ground headed towards the pin.

Here are a few colorful commentaries to a shot just made,

Threw darts all day - Acknowledging hitting many approaches right to the pin, like a dart at a bull’s eye

Chunked it! or Fat! Chubby! - Hitting the ground behind the ball

Drop kicked it! - Hitting the ground behind a teed ball

On the beach or pail and shovel time - Ball is in a sand bunker

That ball is afraid of the dark - A logical explanation of why you haven’t made a putt all day

It’s on the dance floor - Your shot has made it to the smooth putting surface

It’s on the dance floor but far from the band - On the green but a long way from the hole.

You may become superstitious about what others say while cheering for your shots, such as,

Looks like you’ve cleared the bunker - Buried in the bunker when you get there

I don’t think your shot reached the pond - Damp city when you arrive

Nice birdie! - Just as your putt reaches the hole and lips out.

You may then wish to smile and tell your partner to “keep your mouth off my ball!!”

Although there is documented evidence that “golf speak” works, legendary golf pro Lee Trevino cautions us that some shots cannot be addressed due to their willfulness and malicious intent and notes, “You can talk to a fade, but a hook will never listen.”

By Rich Mina
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All survivors and interested team members are encouraged to sign up online at www.relayforlife.org/brunswicknc under Team St. James/Troon Prive. If you prefer registering on paper, you can stop by the St. James Community Center on March 19, 4-5 p.m. or April 16, 3-4 p.m.

If you can't participate this year, please stop by the community center and purchase raffle tickets or make a donation to the American Cancer Society in support of Team St James. You’ll have opportunities to win $500, $250 or $100 in cash, a beautiful beach bag, a lovely ceramic bowl made and donated by St. James resident Lou Ann Hadlock, and a free round of golf including greens fees and cart for four at the Founders, Members or Players courses.

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Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Cancer Survivor Luncheon to be held on April 12. This luncheon is provided to all cancer survivors and a caregiver or guest at no cost and is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. This year’s luncheon will be held at the new Shallotte Senior Center located at 3620 Express Drive, Shallotte, (where the Exquisite Lighting store was located, parallel to Hwy. 17). The doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

Survivor Registration Forms will be available at the above registration dates or you can email jsssturgill@ec.rr.com to have one emailed to you. So please come to CELEBRATE LIFE with my husband, Jack (a four-year cancer survivor), me and many of your St. James’ neighbors and friends. Working together a cure will be found!

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