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## President's Message

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On behalf of the board members of the Master Association, please accept our best wishes for a happy, peaceful and healthy new year!

On November 23, the Master Association Board approved the next step toward a building addition at the Pink Palace as described at the annual meeting and in the December issue of the Sea Trailer. Our architect is finalizing construction documents, contractors have submitted bids and a financial plan to fund the improvement has been developed. The building project can be completed with contingency funds, reserve funds, and a one time assessment of \$100 per property.

Two meetings will be held in January to give property owners the opportunity to review the site plan, ask questions and to give input. Please plan on attending one of the meetings to be held in the Pink Palace on January 14 (7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.) and January 18 (4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.).

The next step toward dedicating our roads to the town will begin shortly. Borings will be taken from the road to determine if the pavement meets town standards. Any deficiency in a road surface will have to be addressed before dedication to the town is completed. Once dedicated, the town will maintain the roads in Sea Trail.

I look forward to seeing you on January 14<sup>th</sup> or January 18<sup>th</sup>.

— *Bill Metkiff, President Master Association Board of Directors*



# MASTER ASSOCIATION NEWS

## Communications Committee

The Library Committee would like to thank our Sea Trail neighbors for books they donate to the Jody Hughes Library for others to enjoy. However, someone recently left a box of books in the library that was full of mold and mildew. Luckily someone visiting the library realized there was a problem and contacted the Library Committee and we were able to dispose of the books before they did any real damage to the other books, shelves, walls, floor, etc. Anyone that has lived here for an extended period is aware of the damage mold and mildew can do. Not long ago we had a major problem in the library and new carpet and a dehumidifier was installed to remove the moisture and odor that was present. We would appreciate your continued donations to the library, but ask that any books containing mold or mildew be disposed of and NOT be placed in the library. Thanks for your assistance.

The Communications Committee wishes each and every one of our Sea Trail neighbors and friends safe holiday travel, and much happiness and good health for the new year!

— Donna Piatek, *Communications Chair*

## Facilities Committee

Recycling is set to begin at both buildings. Starting in January, containers will be in place for all of the people using our buildings to deposit the recycle items. This should be separated from the rest of the trash. So please use the recycle bin for all plastic items numbered 1 through 7, all aluminum cans, and all glass bottles. These three types of items all go in the recycle bin. The rest of the trash will continue to go in the same trash can we have always used. This is now a law, and we need everyone to help us.

A sign is being ordered for each building to better remind all users that no golf shoes **of any type** are to be worn in the buildings. We will be putting a mat or carpet at the front door of the Pink Palace to help prevent slipping when the floor is damp from rain outside. We hope you all had a safe and happy holiday season.

— Day Kreuzberg, *Facilities Chair*

## Access Committe

The Access Committee has started the planning process for the beach parking lot. We have secured estimates for fencing, gate, electrical and the ADT access system. We need to seek concurrence from the city of Sunset Beach and the Master Association board before we can proceed. We are hoping to start the conversion on or before 2/1/10. We would like to complete the conversion by mid March. This will be several weeks before Easter. Completion by this time will allow us to validate the system prior to heavy usage of the lot starting on Easter weekend. Remember we will be changing the entry point for the beach parking lot. Once the conversion is complete access can be gained from 1<sup>ST</sup> Avenue. This is the street that runs behind the shops at the beach.

We have also added several members to the committee. New members are Jim Cech, Bob Clark and Steve Esakov. They join existing members Ron Cybyske, Walter Marsh, Tom Pickel and Neil Weiss. Any questions or concerns about Card Access should be directed to any of the above individuals.

— Ron Cybyske

## Library

Due to the Sea Trail community's generosity, the library continues to offer a large selection of hardcover and paperback fiction, autobiographies, and many audio and video tapes. We hope you find that the relocated shelves for paperbacks and the newly-alphabetized hardcover fiction room to be user-friendly. Our shelf space is limited so we ask that only fiction and autobiography books be donated. If you have other books that you wish to donate, all the local thrift shops will take books. We welcomed Jodie Hughes for a visit with a reception in the library; photos of her visit are on the Sea Trail web site. The Library committee needs more volunteers: if you can give 2 weeks a year of your time (just a few hours per week) please contact Mary McGann or Mary Brown.

## Property Owners Changes and Additions

### Changes

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Luciano & Marie Bravo  
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New Mailing address:  
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Kissimmee, FL 34744

Edith Gordon  
354 – C4 Sea Trail Dr West  
New Mailing address:  
17 Railroad St  
Collins, GA 30421  
912-557-4350

Ann Loftus  
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New Mailing address:  
2008 Frances Dr  
Colleyville, TX 76034

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Lexington, NC 27292  
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George & Valerie Piloto  
956 Oyster Pointe Dr  
New Mailing address:  
311 Millworks Ct.  
Compobello, SC 29322

Leonard & Patricia Sawyer  
604 Lake Shore Dr  
New Mailing address:  
215 Carolina Farms Blvd.  
Carolina Shores, NC 28467  
910-575-6480

John & Veronica Anderson  
Lake Shore Lot 3  
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Jekyll Island, GA 31527  
New phone number:  
912-635-2616

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483 Blue Heron CT  
New Mailing address:  
1323 Maple Av #4NW  
Evanston, IL 60201  
248-765-2490 (Jon)  
248-310-3448 (Joyce)

John & Roberta Metzgar  
Lot 58 Planter's Ridge Dr  
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6450 Mari Springs Dr  
New Kent, VA 23124  
804-932-3672

### New Owners

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Mailing address:  
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Strongsville, OH 44149

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910-575-6594  
Previous Address:  
240 Woodland Way #3  
Calabash, NC 28467

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468 Egret Dr  
Previous Address:  
1821 Preston Grove Av  
Cary, NC 27513

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147-9 Crooked Gulley Circle  
Mailing Address:  
112 Locust Ln Eaton's Neck  
Northport, NY 11768

# Clubs and Activities

## Bridge

### Thursday Ladies Bridge

Winners for December 3rd: Bev Giles, Gini Dallin, Mary Fox.

Winners for December 10th: Nancy Jo Marsden, Dolores Wenstrup, Joanna Brawley. Nancy Jo and Dolores bid and made two small slams.

Winners for December 17th: Dolores Wenstrup, Nancy Jo Marsden, Trudy Schweinsberg.

January Hostesses will be Judie Perna 575-0409 & Gini Dallin 579-7544

## Tai Chi

Tai chi at the MAC on Thursday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 3.00 to 4.30 p.m., and on Friday, January 8, 15, 22, 29 at from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. Tai Chi classes are at no cost.

— *Michele Bruno*



## TGIF — 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Worst Christmas Gift Exchange

For the first TGIF of 2010, your hosts, the Suttons and Hills, again bring you our annual Worst Christmas Gift Exchange. Bring any gift you may have received that you don't want ("Really you shouldn't have"), or any little thing around your house you want to get rid of (husbands and wives excluded). Remember those terrific vibrating house slippers that keep reappearing, or the palm tree, maybe the hot water bottle with the pretty knitted cover. Do you think they'll show up again? The only way to find out is to join us at the Pink Palace on January 15.

Only one condition: your gift must be wrapped in some of the wrinkled Christmas wrap you were going to throw away. We are asking that you limit your exchanges to **one gift per couple**.

Looking forward to lots of fun with this one! Hope to see you there. Don't forget your appetizer to share and BYOB!

## February 2010 Dining Around

Mark your calendar for the first Dining Around of the season, Monday, February 1, 2010 at the Liberty Tap, Myrtle Beach. Details with the menu in the January Sea Trailer.

— *The Pilneys and The Christens*

## Garden Club

Our next meeting will be held on January 12, 2010 at 10:00 in the Pink Palace. The program will be presented by Denise Mihal who is an administrator for Brunswick Hospital. She will be discussing the new expansion and facilities being built at the hospital. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested for BFA.

President Kate Goodrich called the 206<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 10:17 am. The meeting was the annual Make It Bake It Auction. Kate explained that the Garden Club was started 20 years ago with 8 charter members. In 1991, the Garden Club decorated Sea Trail for Christmas and in 1992 planted pear trees around Sea Trail. Today there are 243 members. At the Make It Bake It there were 240 members and guests present.

Kate turned the program over to Vice President Pat Gooding who thanked all the volunteers who helped make the auction possible. She then introduced Heni Moulton and Pat Sutton who were to be the auctioneers for this event. Over \$12,000 was taken in from those who bid on the donated items.

— *Joyce M. Hellmann, Secretary*

## Pinochle

We meet at the Pink Palace every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We play double-deck and we are a friendly, patient group. If you would like to just come and "observe" for an evening, you are certainly welcome to do so. Couples and singles are invited. Questions, please call Loraine and Frank Kish at 575-2440.

# Clubs and Activities (cont.)

## Granny's Closet

Granny's Closet is a list of items that are held by individuals who are willing to lend them to us when we have a need for them, cribs, high chairs, and medical items, crutches or a walker. Please call the following if you need anything from Granny's Closet: Eileen Chamberlain, 579-3111, Priscilla Donaldson 575-2270, or Anita Clark 575-1049. Eileen Chamberlain is coordinator of these items and if you have something you would like to include or delete from Granny's Closet, please call her.

## Sea Trail Grandmas

[www.seatrailgrandmas.blogspot.com](http://www.seatrailgrandmas.blogspot.com)

Service project for making clothes for premature babies and new born. We meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at the Pink Palace from 9.15 am to 11.30 am. Come to join us or call Michele 579-8470. Donations for "Sea Trail Grandmas" are always welcome.

## Sea Horse Book Club

Our discussion of *A Boy's Life* by Robert McCammon will be held at the January 5th meeting at the Pink Palace starting at 3:30. With all of its facets, this book should lead to lively conversation. Our selection for February is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. As for March, we will be reading *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy.

If you enjoy reading and sharing your ideas, consider joining our lively group. You will not be disappointed. Contact Joyce Hellmann at [jmhellmann@atmc.net](mailto:jmhellmann@atmc.net) or 579-0273. Happy Reading!

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Submission format: no bold, italicize, underline, centering, exclamation points or all caps (even in titles). Arial font, 12 point, black; all text and titles flush left.

**Deadline for all submissions: 22nd of the month**

## Food Committee

The New Year will start with a Theme Dinner which will actually be a wine tasting evening of food courses paired with different wines. The dinner will be held on January 15. Wines served at the dinner will be available for sale that evening. Seating will be limited to 50 people and reservations can be made by calling 910-287-1163. The price, time, menu and any other pertinent information will be posted to the Sea Trail web site, when it becomes available.

Beginning last month through the slower winter months, Sea Trail will temporarily suspend running the beverage carts on the golf courses. Brassie's Pub and Magnolias Lounge will remain open to serve golfers, guests, and homeowners.

A Super Bowl Party will be held on February 7, 2010. The game will be shown on all the high-definition plasma TVs in Magnolias Lounge and Sea Trail will have several food and drink specials for the day. A sampling of these is as follows: \$ .25 wings, \$ 3.00 nachos, \$ 3.00 chili bowls, \$ 2.00 hot dogs, bratwurst and knockwurst, \$ 3.00 chili-cheese fries, and \$ 1.00 draft specials.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year. I wish you much health, happiness and fun times in 2010. — *Diane Kreuzburg*

## Dining Around 2010

The 2010 Dining Around will begin again in February at Liberty Tap followed by Villa Mare in March, Greg Norman's in April and Rioz in May. We would like to thank all of our hosts for their hard work and great choices of restaurants.

We have been the coordinators of this program for three years and will NOT continue to coordinate the program during the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 season. It's time for a new couple to volunteer and keep this program alive. The program also needs new couples to volunteer for the monthly events so we may continue the fun of trying new restaurants and meeting new friends and visiting with old ones. If you would like to be the Coordinator Couple for next Fall and Spring please call us at 575-3132.

Thank you.

— *Barbara and Dick Lawson*

# Clubs and Activities (cont.)

## TGIF

A New Year has begun and we certainly hope it will be a healthy and happy one for all Sea Trailers and their families.

We would be remiss if we didn't start the year by thanking John and Linda Hogan and Bob and Mary Lou Miller for the wonderful job they did in hosting the Christmas TGIF. A very special thank you goes to Ron and Nadine Cybyske and all of our Sea Trail Songbirds for their time and effort in preparing for their performance. It certainly made it a truly enjoyable evening.

We are happy to announce that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Worst Christmas Gift Exchange is coming to TGIF on January 15. Please see the separate article for more details.

January 1 NO TGIF – New Year's Day

January 15 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Worst Christmas Gift Exchange hosted by Flo and George Hill and Pat and Lee Sutton

Also, on January 15, we will officially turn over the coordination of TGIF to John and JoAnn Barton. Please welcome them as your new "super" hosts and, as always, sign up to host an upcoming gathering.

We have truly enjoyed our time as coordinators and thank all of you who have made TGIF so successful over the past two years. Without the volunteer hosts, there would not be a TGIF.

— *Ron and Madeline Dubas*

## March Dining Around

Monday, March 1. Hold the date. It will be at Villa Mare Italian Restaurant in Myrtle Beach just 5 minutes from the International Dr. exit of the by-pass. Reduced prices during the cocktail hour. Bread, soup, salad, choice of four entrees, tiramisu, coffee, tea. Pitchers of water, ice tea. Soda also if requested. All included for \$30 pp. The food is outstanding.

— *Fran and Bill Metkiff*

## February Dining Around

The Liberty Tap Room & Grill, Northwood Plaza, (located in front of Stein Mart) 7651 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC Telephone number 843-839-4677 will be



hosting our February Sea Trail Dine Around on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Dennis & Sandi Pilney and Norm & Kathy Christen will be your hosts for the evening. Cocktail hour will be from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Happy Hour prices will be extended thru 8PM.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and will include house salad and fresh bread.

The price is \$28.50 per person. Please make checks payable to Kathy Christen with your choice of entrees written on the check. You can drop your check off at the Christens at 401 Planters Ridge Drive or the Pilneys at 412 Planters Ridge Drive by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Entrees:

- Rib eye grilled to perfection with mashed potatoes and asparagus
- Grilled Salmon, fresh Atlantic salmon with rice and asparagus
- Baby Back Ribs-our famous full rack of ribs with French fries and bleu cheese Cole slaw
- Chicken Marsala-chicken breast over rice topped with marsala wine sauce
- Edisto Fried Shrimp-Jumbo shrimp fried to a golden brown with fries and bleu cheese Cole slaw

Dessert is Bananas Foster Cheese Cake, coffee/tea.

### Sea Trail Corporation Phone Numbers

Dana Connelly, President	1112
Rebecca Edgar- Ex. Admin. Assistant	2114
Debra Bordeaux-Acct/Master Association	1192
Anita Langin - Staff Accountant/Mbr Golf	1188
Tom Plankers-President of Golf	1152
Matt Owens- Director of Golf. Maint.	2140
Jones/Byrd Golf Shop	1122
Maples Golf Shop	1125
Magnolias Lounge	1119
Brassies Pub - 210 Clubhouse Road	1385

# Clubs and Activities *(cont.)*

## Sunset Cyclists Bike Club

As the year comes to an end, the members of our new club feel a sense of pride in our accomplishments. In just two months, we have grown from a few interested cyclists to 46 members. We have encouraged and supported each other. Our longest bike ride was 18 miles and we all felt exhilarated. We've discovered new places to ride and eat and have made wonderful new friends. We are looking forward to 2010, riding over the new bridge, and many new places.

We are a noncompetitive bicycle group with people of all riding abilities. We ride Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. We gather at the MAC parking lot before each ride. Once a month we transport our bikes by car to a distant location and then ride approximately 15 to 20 miles. If you'd like to join or have any questions, please call Charlene Doolittle at 575-5977.

## Sea Trail Prayer Support Circle

Happy New Year to all. The members of the prayer circle pray daily for all those on our prayer list, and of course, for those special family members and friends near and dear. We pray for their well-being and also their concerns and ask God to watch over them and Bless them. The following prayer comes to mind for each one!

I Said A Prayer For You Today

I said a prayer for you today, and I know God must have heard.

I felt the answer in my heart, although he spoke no word –

I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small,

But it was for His loving care, I prayed the most of all.

God's Peace,  
The Sea Trail Prayer Support Circle

Do you have a prayer request for yourself or a loved one? Let us help. Call one of our members. Some of them are listed below.

Marge Gallop,	Oyster Bay	579-7676
Myrt & Ron Klein	Oyster Pointe	579-1354
Gloria Lee	Osprey Ct.	579-0949
Carol Marchell	Rice Mill	579-9561
Rosemary Walker	Sugar Sands	579-9709

## Tuesday Night Bible Study Seeking New Members

One of the mixed member (men & women) Tuesday evening neighborhood Bible study groups plans to begin a 3-4 month study of The Sermon on the Mount January 12th at 7 p.m. We are extending this invitation to any Sea Trailer who may be thinking about adding an informal Bible study to their New Year's resolutions. We meet weekly in member homes for approximately one hour of study/discussion and another half hour of coffee and fellowship. If you would like more information, please contact any of the following members:

Gloria Wimmer 579-1424

Bob Hanania 575-2469

Carol Marchell 579-9561

Ed Seidel 579-0684

## Golf

### Bagdrop

A new year for all of us, and another year to enjoy playing golf together. Before we begin on the new year, I would like to congratulate Mary Lou Miller, Sharon Markatos, and Jennie Gregory for the fine job they did on the Cookie Exchange luncheon in December. The Cookie Exchange was originally designed to give all women in Sea Trail the opportunity to exchange Christmas cookies and enjoy holiday cheer together. Mary Lou, Sharon, and Jennie went back to the original format of the exchange and offered this to all of the Sea Trail ladies. It was wonderful to see such a big turnout this past December and enjoy good food and friendships before we go our separate ways for the holidays.

We start the new year with a meeting on January 26, at 11:00 am at the Pink Palace. There will be a lunch following the meeting. Please check STLGA's bulletin board for the sign-up sheet. This year STLGA will continue to have at least two Wednesdays of playing in flight. Once again this year the first Wednesday will be in flight with the game being Low Gross/ Low Net. Our pairing coordinators for January are Kathy Blaine at 579-4019 and Mary Lou Miller at 575-4919.

— Kathy Ivey, Publicity

# Special

## Thank You

Just a note of appreciation to all those who brought food, sent cards, called or stopped by after my foot surgery. It is wonderful to have so many caring friends and Tom and I thank you for your thoughtfulness.

— *Jeanne Deacon*



My family and I wish to thank all of my friends and neighbors for their loving thoughts and prayers. I truly felt all of them. Also for many beautiful cards, flowers, goodies and gifts during my recent and unexpected surgery. Thank you and love to all.

— *Betty Geesey*

## Ellen Bombolis Earns Volunteer of the Year Award for New Jersey Special Olympics

There are many volunteers among us at Sea Trail but only one who was recently honored in New Jersey as Volunteer of the Year for the New Jersey Special Olympics. Ellen has been involved with Special Olympics New Jersey for 23 years. She has dedicated most of her adult life to helping children with special needs. She has been on the State Committee for Winter and Summer Games; she was a uniform coordinator for 15 years; and she has been responsible for Cross Country Skiing timers and was a Track Finish Line Coordinator as well as volunteer for area events.

To Ellen the words “it can’t be done” do not exist. Anyone passing through the track venue at the Summer Games can attest to that.

Moving to North Carolina did not stop Ellen’s dedication to the New Jersey Special Olympics. Ellen and Ron make the trip to New Jersey annually for both the Summer and Winter Games. Ellen manages to go back home to do whatever she can to support the athletes she has served for so many years.



Congratulations to Ellen Bombolis. We at Sea Trail are proud to have you as a friend and fellow Sea Trailer.

## SWAP SHOP

### For Sale

Hickory Dining Room table with 4 side chairs and 2 arm chairs, upholstered seats. Cherry wood with medium stain. Asking \$950. Call 579-7773.

Golf Cart Cover - hardly used. 579-6458

### Free

Many items for regular sewing and tailoring. Call Mim at 579-1910.



## Spotlight On...

By Kate Goodrich

## Anne Giordano and Marie Munn



*Spencer, the Magic Rabbit*, is a delightful children's story written by Anne Giordano and illustrated by Marie Munn. Spencer watches Tabala, the magician, perform his magic for the children in the park. Although Spencer badly wants to be a part of the magic, he is afraid to approach Tabala when the children are around. Finally he finds Tabala alone and is overjoyed when Tabala asks him to be in his act. Anne's story is easy to read and is beautifully illustrated by Marie. The story points out how important it is to never give up on what at first may appear impossible making it a perfect gift for the children and grandchildren in our lives.

Anne has always enjoyed making up stories for her own children and then for her seven grandchildren. Her storytelling delighted the children who always begged for more. The story of *Spencer, the Magic Rabbit*, was a special favorite of her granddaughter, Kellie. Whenever she saw Anne, she would beg her to tell her that story again. Eventually, Charlie, Anne's husband, convinced her to write down some of her stories and to send them off to some publishers. When she first submitted *Spencer*, there were no illustrations so publishers were reluctant to accept it. After a few rejections, Anne shelved it for a few years. Last summer, Anne asked Marie if she would be willing to illustrate the book. She agreed and the collaboration was a big success! Instead of submitting it to publishers, Anne decided to self-publish. Anne has dedicated her book to all of her seven grandchildren but especially to Kellie whose intense interest prompted Anne to put this well-loved story in print.

Anne got a lot of good advice on the self-publishing route from fellow Sea Trail authors, Claire Connelly and Jack DeGroot. Their suggestions led Anne to choose Author House and after changes, corrections, and lots of editing, *Spencer, the Magic Rabbit* became a reality!

Marie and husband, Bill, raised their family of five, three boys and two girls, in Trenton, NJ. They lived there for 34 years before retiring to Sunset Beach. Marie began taking art lessons in 1990 when she first came to Sea Trail. Her first class was at Brunswick Community College. Although she hadn't actually done much painting, she had always wanted to try it and once she began, Marie was hooked! She began with oils. "Oils are a good medium to begin with," Marie explained, "because making changes or fixing mistakes is more easily done than with other mediums." Her work on *Spencer* was done in water colors, her favorite. "I love water colors but probably if I were to illustrate another children's book, I would choose acrylics because they can be so vibrant," she added. Marie continues to take classes and she says she always learns something new.

Besides painting, Marie keeps busy with her children and her grandchildren. She loves to read and stays active by exercising with Nicole Markatos at the Pink Palace. Back in 1990, Marie started the 9-hole golf group here at Sea Trail with three other women. Their objective was to learn the game and have a great time playing it. Marie doesn't play golf any more but she knows the original objective of learning golf and having fun is still a mainstay of the 9-hole group.

Anne grew up in West Haven, CT but spent most of her life in Bowie, MD where she and husband, Charlie, raised their four children, one girl and three boys. Anne was a principal at an elementary school in Prince George County in Maryland. The school's population included many children with multiple handicaps and so it offered special education, occupational and physical therapy. Besides writing children's stories, Anne loves the outdoors. She enjoys hiking, biking, and skiing. She stays fit by participating in Nicole Markatos' exercise classes at the Pink Palace. Another love of Anne's is singing.

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She sings with the Sea Trail Song Birds and with the Carolina Master Chorale in Myrtle Beach. She also takes part in the annual Christmas Cantata at the Oceanside Presbyterian Church in North Myrtle Beach.

The next step for Anne and Marie is to market their book. They have already sold many copies to friends and family. The book is available on the websites of Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Books-A-Million. It can also be found at Pelican Book Store and the Sunset Marketplace in Calabash. The two have also been distributing postcards and bookmarks with pictures and information about the book. Beginning in the early spring, they will sell their book at several craft shows in the area. Anne will also bring her book to local elementary schools to share with the children.

At the present time, Anne has no plans to publish another book although she admits that she has several stories started but not yet polished for publishing. Marie thoroughly enjoyed illustrating the book and would be happy to work on another one with Anne whenever she is ready. These two vibrant women make a wonderful team and their young readers will be clamoring for another book like Spencer, the Magic Rabbit.



Marie Munn and Anne Giordano



## Time for Your New Year's Resolutions . . . How Will You Make a Difference?

We've all read about the various organizations that rescue some of the stray and abandoned pets in Brunswick County. Some of us have opened our hearts and our wallets for these groups . . . Cat Tails, Paws Place, Tails U Win, SOAR, and Paws-Ability, to name just a few. Yet, how many of us have opened our homes? There is a need, within this patchwork animal-care system, for people who are willing to provide foster care to cats and dogs while they wait for their "forever home." Here in Sea Trail, Charlene and Allen Doolittle are active foster parents, working closely with Paws-Ability.

"Actually," explains Charlene, "we're what's known as foster failures." That's because after successfully fostering two or three dogs, they discovered Bella, another Yorkie about the same age as their beloved Yorkie, Piccolo, and they adopted her. For "failure," that's not too bad!

Janie Withers, founder of Paws-Ability, explains the need for foster care. Only a few short years ago, Brunswick County had only the animal pound as its sole facility for stray and unwanted animals. They were kept in minimal conditions for as long as the shelter had space, then, as more kennel space was needed for new entrants, those who had been there "too long" without being adopted had to be euthanized. Over time, independent shelters were established by caring volunteers. Many of these facilities have outdoor kennels. Larger dogs can stay outside, while smaller dogs and cats need to be sheltered indoors. Foster homes can fill this need, providing safe and warm homes to these smaller animals while the network of shelter volunteers work to find "forever" homes for them. This can make the difference literally between life and death for the animal fortunate enough to be fostered.

Fostering a cat or dog is a viable choice for animal lovers who perhaps travel often, so do not want to make a long-term commitment to pet ownership. It is also an opportunity for animal lovers who have not had a pet for awhile, and are considering doing so again. Fostering is a great "re-introduction" to having a pet, yet it is only for a temporary time.

Charlene and Allen joined Paws-Ability, and then learned about the need for fostering. Though they already had their cat, Ozzy, and their Yorkie, Piccolo, they generously volunteered to foster small dogs. Their first was Sadie, a three year old, six pound Yorkie mix. They cared for Sadie for three weeks, until an adoptive home was found.

Next, the Doolittles welcomed a nine year old Yorkie into their home. They thought the dog would be perfect for Sea Trail friends JoAnna and Dick Brawley, and in less than a day, that foster dog was adopted too.

Then, Charlene was checking the website for Brunswick County Animal Services for Yorkies that need rescuing. That's when she saw Bella. She called Janie Withers and Sea Trailer Cherle Rothermel. The three women went to the shelter. There was Bella, a very dirty and frightened little dog. Charlene discovered that Bella had been used for most of the nine years of her life as a breeding dog. Her stomach showed several mammary tumors, and Bella had rotten teeth. She was probably given to the shelter because she was now unable to bear any more puppies for the breeder who had owned her and had failed to properly care for her.

At first Charlene thought that little Bella's medical problems would be too expensive. However, she brought Bella home, and Allen agreed that the dog needed their care and attention. The next day, Bella was spayed and had several teeth removed, thanks to the generosity of Paws-Ability. The veterinarian prescribed medication for her ears, which were also infected. Treatment took several weeks, yet

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In the meantime, Bella learned what it was like to be part of a loving, caring family. She quickly made friends with Piccolo. Ozzy the cat expressed disdain, as only a cat must do, as if to say, "Oh, not *another* one!" So, that's how Bella found her "forever" home . . . endearing herself and fitting in so well at the Doolittles' that they decided to keep her. Charlene explains that for now, they are "foster failures," since they did not pass Bella on to another home.



Bella

They are still very involved with Paws-Ability, an organization that's only two years old, and already making a significant improvement in the quality of care provided for homeless cats and dogs in Brunswick County. Janie Withers had retired to Ocean Isle Beach after enjoying a long career as an event planner for R.J. Reynolds. She is blessed with boundless energy and a passion for making a difference. She and her husband were invited to an annual Mardi Gras party, and she suggested to the hostess that they ask attendees for donations for a local animal shelter. They anticipated raising a few hundred dollars. Imagine their surprise when over \$1,200 was donated! That was enough to start Janie's "wheels turning." The concept of raising funds for the various animal shelters in Brunswick County quickly grew, resulting in the Paws-Ability organization.

Through series of animal-focused events, Paws-Ability raises money, then donates it toward specific needs and requests from various shelters in our community. Check the website, <http://www.paws-ability.org>, for a complete list of all the shelters' needs that were met in 2009. . . the total exceeds \$22,000.

This month, January, is Paws-Ability's annual membership drive. Here's an opportunity to make a difference! Sea Trailers Kathy and Dave Cyrulik have volunteered to spearhead the drive here. Contact them at [lovethebeach@atmc.net](mailto:lovethebeach@atmc.net) to get involved. Go to the Paws-Ability website to download an application to join: annual membership is only \$15.00, and additional donations are always needed. Charlene says that belonging to Paws-Ability is a wonderful way to meet others who also care about animals, and who realize that by joining, they can start making a difference in the welfare of homeless animals.

If you would like to make a difference by volunteering as a foster parent for a cat or dog, contact Charlene or Allen Doolittle at 575.5977 or Janie Withers at 579-4707. These temporary homes are so important. Just ask Bella!



Bella and Piccolo

## Pink Palace Calendar — January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Jan	<b>2</b>
					9:30am - 11:00am Yoga - CANCEL	8:00am - 9:00am Strength Training & Pilates
					10:00am - 11:30am New Years Party Clean-up	
					12:00pm - 4:00pm Golf Group CANCEL	
					2:00pm - 10:00pm Wedding Rehearsal Dinner	
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	9:00am - 12:00pm Sea Trail Grandma's	9:00am - 2:30pm First Tuesday Bridge	9:30am - 1:00pm Hand & Foot	9:15am - 12:00pm Ladies Bridge	9:30am - 11:00am Yoga	
	12:00pm - 3:30pm Bible Study	3:30pm - 5:00pm Seahorse Book Club	2:45pm - 5:00pm Access Committee	12:30pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	12:00pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	
	7:00pm - 10:00pm Mah Jongg	5:30pm - 8:30pm Line Dancing	7:00pm - 9:30pm Pinochle		6:30pm - 9:30pm Couple's Bridge	
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	9:15am - 2:30pm Bridge	9:00am - 12:00pm Garden Club	9:00am Sandpiper	9:15am - 12:00pm Ladies Bridge	9:30am - 11:00am Yoga	11:30am - 4:00pm Baby Showers
	4:00pm - 6:00pm Songbirds	12:00pm - 5:00pm STMGA - Social	9:30am - 1:00pm Hand & Foot	12:30pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	12:00pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	
	7:00pm - 10:00pm Mah Jongg	5:30pm - 8:30pm Line Dancing	7:00pm - 9:30pm Pinochle	7:00pm - 8:00pm Meeting	5:15pm - 7:30pm TGIF	
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	12:00pm - 3:30pm Bible Study	5:30pm - 8:30pm Line Dancing	2:00pm - 5:00pm Meeting	12:30pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	12:00pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	
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	4:00pm - 6:00pm Songbirds	5:30pm - 8:30pm Line Dancing	7:00pm - 9:30pm Pinochle	12:30pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	12:00pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	
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## MAC Center Calendar—January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					10:00am - 11:30am Tai Chi	
					12:00pm - 4:00pm Golf Group	
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