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President's Message

Last November, at our annual meeting, I asked for volunteers to participate on a committee to review access (gold and white cards) to our amenities. I am pleased to announce that Ron Cybyske, Walter Marsh, Tom Pickel, John Rothermel and Neil Weiss agreed to take on this challenge. Under the leadership of Ron Cybyske, the committee has been meeting on a regular basis, reviewing our current system, meeting with vendors to seek the latest technological advances in access systems and visiting neighboring communities.

Recently, the committee reported to the board members of the Master Association recommending ways to improve access to the MAC and the Pink Palace. The board approved these interim steps while the committee continues to meet to address long term system needs.

It is our intention to have the following changes in place by April 1, 2009. Additional information will be forthcoming by the Facilities Committee as we implement the following:

— Any individual or group wishing to use the Pink Palace or the MAC must reserve the day and time through Jenny Gregory as is the current practice.

— White smart cards will be issued to one individual from those groups using the Pink Palace or the MAC on a regular basis such as weekly golf and card groups. This will alleviate the need to go to the conference center or the VAC to sign out for card use and alleviate the need to return the card after use of the facility.

— Those occasional users of the MAC or the Pink Palace may pick up a white smart card from a neighborhood representative conveniently located throughout Sea Trail. The Facility Committee will provide the addresses of the neighborhood reps to you. At the end of your activity, you may return the white card to the neighborhood rep or drop it in a return box to be installed at both amenity centers.

On behalf of our entire community, I want to thank the members of the Access Committee for their diligence and efforts thus far.

— Bill Metkiff, President
Sea Trail Master Association

Communication Committees

SLOW DOWN

Speed is always a concern within Sea Trail. We should all make an extra effort to obey the speed limits within Sea Trail. Property owners are the main contributor to speed problems within Sea Trail. Please slow down and make this a safer environment for your fellow neighbors and fellow motorists. Many of our residents walk the streets of Sea Trail for exercise and as well as exercising their pets. As summer approaches, even more pedestrians will be out and about. Be a good neighbor, a good motorist, and a law abiding citizen and obey the speed limits. Plan to leave an extra five minutes early for your next appointment or tee time. We all will appreciate the consideration.

Master Association News

Spring is here. The Bradford Pear trees are in bloom, you can see the buds on the other trees waiting to burst open, and there is the beginning of green appearing in the lawns. That means summer will soon be here and we will have many visitors vacationing in Sea Trail. The Pools Committee is again looking for pool attendants for the MAC and Pink Palace pools for the coming season. The rate of pay is \$7.50 per hour. If you are interested in helping with monitoring the pools please contact Bob Tugya at tuje@aol.com or call 575-3789.

Following are articles from the Facility Committee and our webmaster.

— Ralph Kennedy, Chair (rdkstma@aol.com)
Communications Committee

Facility Committee

As indicated in the President's message, we have changed the location for picking up the white Smart Card for anyone scheduled to use either the Pink Palace or the MAC. These cards may now be picked up at the homes of the following volunteers: Day Kreuzburg, Jennie Gregory, Tom Pickel, Neal Weiss, Denny deLagarde or John Rothermel. Please call ahead to arrange a time convenient to you and them. We will also provide

a smart card to those groups that use one of our buildings two or more times each month.

In the fitness room, one of the stations on the Apollo stationary machines has broken. The parts required to repair it have been ordered, but this machine is no longer in production, so the parts must be made to order. Sorry for any inconvenience. Lastly, for the third year in a row, at about this same time of year, someone has dumped the soap from the bathroom soap dispensers into the spa at the Pink Palace. We would like anyone to please let us know if you ever see something like this occur.

— Day Kreuzburg, Chair Facility Committee

Website News

(www.mapost.org)

Spring is finally here and it is time to get outside and enjoy our yards and gardens once more. Many of you went onto the website last month to check your directory listings and notified of us of your changes. Thanks for all of the updates. If you missed making the changes for the 2009 printed directory you can still send in changes for the on line version of the directory. If you have trouble signing into the protected areas of the website, please know that the password only changes once a year and that will happen again in August. It is sent out via our Broadcast E-mail system so it is very important to have your current e-mail address. If you do not have the current password information you will need to go to the home page and click on the Request a Password link in the left hand menu bar. That is the only way to receive the information. Please save the e-mail you receive with the password information in your mail folder so you can refer to it if you happen to forget the login information. We currently do not have an automatic reminder system in place to send the information out again. You will need to re-apply each time you forget it and we manually have to send the information out to you. Thanks for your help in the matter. Happy Browsing.

— Lynn Wiedman, Chair
Web Site Committee

Communication Committees (cont.)

Attention Condo Owners With Ving Card Lock

The Sea Trail Corporation Facilities Department wishes to inform all condo owners with a Ving Card Lock on their doors that Sea Trail Corporation will place a final order for keys on April 30, 2009. There will be no future orders placed by Sea Trail Corporation and keys cannot be ordered by an individual owner—only an account holder which is Sea Trail Corporation. Please contact Norma Peters at 910-287-1508 to place your order. Owners will be required to pre-pay for the keys prior to any order being placed. The cost of each key is \$32.00. Each key has a part number, so please have that number available when placing your order. Please be

certain to double check the part number as Sea Trail Corporation will not be responsible for errors or re-orders. There will be no refunds issued once the order is placed. All orders for keys should be pre-paid by check or money order and made payable to Sea Trail Corporation. Please keep in mind that if all keys are lost or destroyed the only option is to have your door or lock replaced. Please contact: Norma Peters at 910-287-1508 or by e-mail at npeters@seatrail.com. Deadline for Order: April 30, 2009, 8:00a.m.

New Property Owners

Kevin and Suzanne Glova
Lot 18 Old Oak
P.O. Box 328
New Florence, PA 15944

Clubs and Activities

Bridge

Monday Ladies Bridge

Winners on February 23rd were Eileen Smith, Pat Diehl, Lois Pike.

Winners on March 10th were Judy Weld, Lois Pike, Barbara Wetherington. Dorothy Cambria and Barbara bid and made a small slam.

Thursday Ladies Bridge

Winners on February 19th were Trudy Schweinsberg, JoAnna Brawley, Dian Robbins.

Winners on February 26th were Judy Pusey, Dian Robbins, Alice Stovin.

Winners on March 5th were Martha Lafferty, Betty Hewel, Trudy Schweinsberg.

Winners on March 12th were Gini Dallin, Diane Hahn, Dian Robbins.

Winners on March 19th were Joanna Brawley, Kay Roberts, Dolores Wenstrup.

Thursday Bridge meets every week at 9:15 in the Pink Palace. For more details or to sign up, please call the April coordinators Anne Giordano (579-8601) or Diane Hahn (579-8831).

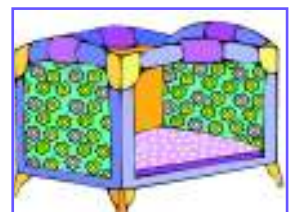
Couples Bridge

Winners for March 13th were: Carol and Marv Peters, Dian and Tom Robbins, Nerina and Rudy Cilento.

Couples bridge will meet next on Friday, April 17th at the Maples Activity Center. The Cilento's will host and anyone wishing to play can contact them at 575-6347.

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.



Clubs and Activities (cont.)

The Sounds Of Broadway



Oh hear those beautiful songs. It is the Sea Trail Songbirds bringing us so many familiar songs from Broadway musicals spanning over 5 generations. Along with the chorus, there will be selections sung

by Scott Stovin, Loraine Kish, The Pipers, and The Warblers. You don't want to miss these performances.

Performance Location: Pink Palace

Saturday, April 18 **SOLD OUT**

Sunday, April 19 Selling quickly

Cost: Only \$8.00 per person.

Time: The doors will open at 6:00 pm, at which time wine and hors d' oeuvres will be served. The show will begin promptly at 6:45pm. Dessert and coffee will be served immediately after the finale.

Please make checks payable to Diane Kreuzburg and for your convenience, they may be dropped off at the following locations:

Planters Ridge:

Beverly Dague, 520 Planters Ridge Drive

Crooked Gulley Circle:

Alice Stovin, 282 Crooked Gulley Circle

Sugar Sands:

Mary Lou Miller, 651 Kings Court

Sea Trail Drive West:

Diane Kreuzburg, 224 Sea Trail Drive West

Rice Mill Circle:

Joan Friedman, 209 Rice Mill Circle

Eastwood Park:

Bev Phieffer, 1169 Eastwood Landing Way

Oyster Bay:

Jo Cambria, 947 Forest Point Drive

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.

Any questions, please call Loraine and Frank Kish at 575-2440.

Garden Club on the Go

On April, 7, 2009, join us for a tour of Orton Plantation, one of the most beautiful gardens on the eastern seaboard, located on the banks of the Cape Fear River. The cost of admission, payable at the gate, is \$9 per person. We will follow the garden tour with a visit to nearby Brunswick Town where we'll see the remains of homes, businesses and the imposing mounds of Fort Anderson.

The site is rich in artifacts from the Civil War and offers a unique look into a fascinating period of our history. Lunch and shopping, on your own, in nearby Southport. We will be leaving the parking lot of the Carolina Conference Center by 9 a.m. Hope to see you there!

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Email address: theseatrailer@atmc.net.

Deadline: 22nd of the month.

All articles and submissions must be sent by email.

Clubs and Activities (cont.)

Garden Club

Dates to Remember

- Next meeting is April 14th at 10:00 at the Pink Palace
- April 7th, Garden Club On The Go to Orton Plantation.



President Kate Goodrich called the 198th meeting to order at 11:07. This meeting was the annual Garden Club Tea. After leading us in the Pledge to Allegiance, she welcomed past presidents, Pat Sutton and Rosemary Walker, of the Garden Club as well as the 15 of 17 recipients of Garden Club's donations.

Treasurer Pat Booth informed membership that the balance as of March 3rd is \$7, 550.34.

Nora Hickam requested that donations of tea, coffee and cocoa be brought to the April meeting to be donated to BFA.

Scott Kucera, Executive Director of the Museum of Coastal Carolina will be our guest speaker for April's meeting.

Kate introduced the 15 recipients who received donations from the club. They each had an opportunity, after accepting the donation, to give a brief overview of the needs of their organization. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 followed by the Garden Club Tea.

— Joyce Hellmann
Secretary

Premie Blankets

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and people who can cut fabric with scissors! Join us every first and third Monday at the Pink Palace from 9:15 to 11 to make blankets for preemies. The April meetings are April 6th and 20th. If you can't make either meeting but want to help, please contact Michele Bruno at 579-8470 or michelebruno@atmc.net.

Sea Horse Book Club

Our next meeting will be held on April 7th but the starting time will be 4:00 pm. We will also be at a different location; we will be meeting at the MAC. Our selection is *The Double Bind* by Chris Bohajalian. This should prove to be a very interesting read with its unusual plot line. You will find it thought provoking with its twists and turns. Our selection for May is *How to Break a Terrorist* by Matthew Alexander. In June, we will have a guest author come and speak to us. More information as time draws near.

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 or 579-0273. Happy Reading!

Non-Denominational Bible Study

Easter Sunday! Resurrection! Empty Tomb!

Without the empty tomb on Resurrection Sunday, we would have no hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Because of the empty tomb on Resurrection Sunday, we are assured of the eternal life that comes only to those who make a total commitment to Jesus Christ.

Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans: chapter 1, verse 4, "Jesus Christ, Our Lord, was shown to be the Son of God when God powerfully raised Him from the dead by means of the Holy Spirit" and Jesus Himself tells us in the Book of John: chapter 11, verse 25, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again. They are given eternal life for believing in me and will never perish."

What wonderful words of life, encouragement and joy we derive from studying God's Word to us in the Holy Bible!

To learn more about the Non-Denominational Bible Study groups in Seatrail or to join a group or to start a new group in your neighborhood call Ann Otten @ 579-5239.

May God Richly Bless Your Easter Season

Clubs and Activities (cont.)

TGIF

Seasons may change at Sea Trail but there is one thing that will not change...the camaraderie that is so much a part of each gathering of TGIF. Please join us at the Pink Palace on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Your host couples for the month of April will be:

- April 3 Tom and Jeanne Deacon with
 Larry and Carol Bates
- April 17 John and Priscilla Donaldson with
 Dick and Mary Couch

Remember to bring an appetizer and byob. Your friends and neighbors will be waiting for you.

Off The Beaten Restaurant Path

Barefoot Landing has a new addition that is well worth a try. In the back near Greg Norman's in the building which used to house a Japanese restaurant is the new Le Grand's Prime Alaskan Seafood and Steaks. It features a daily happy hour from 4-7 with \$2 drafts, \$5 martinis and \$5 wines. You may also choose from (3) Prime Beef Sliders for \$3.50, Halibut Fish Tacos for \$3.50 Fish Nuggets for \$4.50 or four other selections all at \$3.50 or less. The dinner menu features several salads from \$6.99 to entrée salads up to \$18.99. Entrees range from \$14.99 up to \$42.99 for a 16 oz. bone in prime filet mignon with many choices in between. All their fish is line-caught and flown in from their Fishing Lodge in Ketchikan, Alaska. All their beef is Prime hand-cut and cooked over wood fired grills. A cigar patio and an extensive wine list are also featured. Their phone number is 843-272-2300 or check out the website at www.legrandprime.com.

— Denis Doyle



The Sea Trail Prayer Support Circle

There is an air of expectation around the Chapel-on-the-Green these days! The bricks which were incorrectly etched for the memorial garden have been delivered to the engraver in Conway and are now in the process of being made right. We look forward to having the garden finished and the bricks replaced. Needless to say, any future memorials will have to be held in the newer part of the garden until that time.

The members of the prayer circle have been pleased and thankful for the way the people of Sea Trail Plantation have responded to the idea of the brick memorial garden and the engraved bricks placed in memory of loved ones. We feel God has placed us in a specific community at a particular time to love and serve those around us in whatever way we can, and this has been one of the blessings that go with it. Prayers of thanksgiving and our prayers for healing and comfort are also given, so if you have a request for yourself or a loved one, just contact one of the members listed below.

God's Peace,
Sea Trail Prayer Support Circle

Marge Gallop,	Oyster Bay	579-7676
Myrt & Ron Klein	Oyster Pointe	579-1354
Gloria Lee	Ospsey Ct.	579-0949
Carol Marchell	Rice Mill	579-9561
JoAnn Jenkins	Sugar Sands	579-5973
Rosemary Walker	Sugar Sands	579-9709

Please Note: Memorial for **Warren Kuhler** will be held on Saturday, April 11th at 3:00pm in the brick memorial garden. Barbara will receive friends at her home and offer light refreshments following service.

Clubs and Activities (cont.)

May Dine Around

Please join us on Monday, May 4th at Myrtle Beach's Brazilian Steakhouse - RIOZ, located at 2920 Hollywood Drive, behind Planet Hollywood. Your hosts are JoAnn and Rich Abrams and Barbara and Dick Lawson.

There's no need to choose your selections until you arrive. You may have unlimited servings of beef, lamb, pork, chicken, and the salad bar which includes seafood and sushi. Signal your Gaucho to bring skewers of sizzling meats right to your table by placing the green side of a token face-up. Flip to red when you wish to stop or simply flip back to green for more servings.

Your dinner will also include tea or coffee and a dish of ice cream for dessert. All this for \$30.

Happy Hour starting at 5:30 with House Wine for \$4.50

Dinner will be served at 6:30.

Please send or drop off your check to Barbara Lawson, 304 Crooked Gulley Circle, or JoAnn Abrams, 314 Crooked Gulley Circle. The cut-off date is April 25th. We look forward to seeing you there.

— JoAnn and Rich Abrams
Barbara and Dick Lawson

Property Owner Information Exchange - An Open Meeting for All Sea Trail Residents

When: April 9th 2009
Where: Pink Palace 7:00 pm

Want to know what all that earth moving equipment is doing off of Georgetown road? It's the new County Park. Come hear all about it from our guest speaker, Mr. Jim Pryor, Brunswick County Director of Parks and Recreation

Would you prefer a 30 year payment period for the coming Town Sewer project? Ms. Carol Scott; is working on the necessary petition to pursue this possibility. Come hear what's going on

Open Discussion Period where you are free to comment or provide information you have on any subject you feel is important to the group.

- o Concerned about proposed insurance rates?
- o Should we have meetings like this more often?
- o Why aren't we recycling?

— Lou De Vita



Golf

Bag Drop

In April we will play the first of our tournaments for this year. The first day of the Charm Tournament will be on April 20, on the Byrd course. The second day will be on April 22 on the Jones course. Tee times will start at 12:16 pm both days. Hopefully, everyone has had an opportunity to go the Jones-Byrd clubhouse to sign up for the tournament. The sign-up sheet is posted on STLGA's bulletin board. There is no internet sign-up for this event. Deadline for the sign-up is April 15, and we wouldn't want anyone to miss playing in this tournament. Remember, you must have played at least 5 times with STLGA since May, 2008. A broadcast email was sent to everyone in March detailing the event. However, if you any further questions, please call Kathy Blaine at 579-4019 or Mary Lou Miller at 575-4919.

Our Mixed Couples Golf Group will have a Match Play tournament on April 25 and 26. You must have played four times with this group since April, 2008, in order to play in the tournament. Sign-up sheets for the tournament will be posted in the computer room beginning April 13. The tournament will be hosted by Lou and Loretta DeVita and Ed and Lorraine Kazan.

Our pairing coordinators for STLGA this month are Flo Hill and Sue Shackleton. Let's go play and enjoy this Spring weather.

— Kathy Ivey, Publicity

STLGA Member/Guest

Save this date. On June 24th the STLGA Member/Guest will be held with a social on the evening of the 23rd. Mark your calendars and invited your guests. More information to follow as time draws near.

Lady Niners

Welcome Spring! We can now say goodbye to the cold weather and welcome the warm spring air. We want to see everyone get out there and hit those balls.

Pairings for April: Lee Benjamin 579-8490 and Bobbie Reeves 575-4064. Sign up on-line or at the Jones/Byrd Clubhouse by Monday Noon. Those that don't have a computer, put your Ph# next to your name on the sheet. If for any reason, you have to cancel, and it better be good, call the Clubhouse and Lee or Bobbie.

Pairings for Couples Golf April 19th: Cherle Rothermele 579-5263 and Charlene Doolittle 575-5977. If you are a single find a partner, either male or female. Come on out and have some fun. If you have an emergency and must cancel, call Cherle or Charlene as soon as possible.

Slick Chicks: Coordinator is JoAnn Abrams 575-4493. Play every Tuesday. Sign up sheet only at the J/B Clubhouse, by noon Saturday.

Member/Member is April 2nd. Coordinators Julie Sullivan 575-7668 and Jan McComb 575-4950. Get a partner and come out for a day of fun and, dinner after golf, at the Pink Palace, husbands invited. Sign up sheet at the J/B Clubhouse.

All had fun at the Couples St Patricks Day tournament on the 15th. Play was on the Byrd course, the winners were: Front: 1: Karen and Frank Baker, Rich and JoAnn Abrams, 2: Diane and Nick Carcich, Betty Hewell and Vick Hahn. 3: Charlene and Allen Doolittle, Julie and John Sullivan. Back: 1: Carol and Marv Peters, Babe and Ben Madura, 2: Darlene and Gregg DeCrane, Pat Booth and Dick Kocak. 3: Pam and Jim Hardie, Marge and Jim Libby. Closet to the pin: front, John Bashaw, back Carol Peters. After golf we all ate and sang at Pat & Mike's.

— Diane Carcich-Publicity

“Who Adopted Whom?”

Maybe you've been there, whether it's the Humane Society, a pet store, a shelter . . . you've wandered from cage to cage, looking at the pleading eyes of the dogs who long to go home with someone. Yet sometimes, the dog chooses you. That's what happened to Dolores Nichta. Seven years ago Dolores, originally from Cleveland, Ohio, was living in Charlotte. The couple next door took in a tiny puppy that was found in the woods and began nurturing the young pup, feeding it with a baby bottle. They named their little survivor “Ginger,” for her beautiful reddish brown color

When Dolores went next door to visit, she immediately felt that the pup connected with her, more than it did with any of the others. So, from the beginning, Dolores was actively involved in Ginger's life. She played with her and bought her toys, a pink leash and collar, a dog tag, anything that she could. She would feed Ginger, play with her, and walk her whenever her neighbors could not. The couple also had a black lab named Logan that they kept in a kennel in their back yard, and when Ginger grew to near-adulthood, they began keeping her in the kennel with Logan. After an incident in which Ginger was attacked by neighboring pit bulls, both dogs became house dogs and the kennel life outside was over. For the next two years, Ginger and Logan kept each other company in the house in their kennel. Dolores still cared for the dogs, bringing them treats, playing with them in their backyard and walking Ginger.

Meanwhile, Dolores found out about Sea Trail, visited, and made the decision to move here. She bought a lot on Forest Walk and built her house. When she left Charlotte, her neighbors actually offered Ginger to her. Reluctantly, she declined.

Dolores' house was completed, and she moved in. After 21 months, she received an e-mail from her former neighbors. Sadly, they were divorcing and had to find other homes for their dogs. Once again, Dolores was being offered the opportunity to make Ginger her own. This time, she said, “Yes!” By now, thirteen eight more months had passed since she had last seen Ginger. She wondered if her

canine friend would even remember her

Dolores never should have doubted the bond that was there for her, from Ginger, from the very beginning. As soon as Ginger spotted Dolores that day, she was frantically happy to see her! She bound-



ed from the neighbors' car and headed right for Dolores. When Dolores opened her car door, Ginger jumped in like she'd always belonged there.

Ginger settled in to her new home immediately. Dolores had a fence built around her back yard so that Ginger could have a safe, enclosed play area. She bought Ginger her own blankets, toys, and a new dog bed, which she snuggled in between the wall and her own bed in the master bedroom.

Because Ginger had spent so long in the kennel with Logan, she was not as socialized as Dolores would have liked her to be. So, she enrolled Ginger in the “doggy pre-school” at the Canine Academy in Bolivia. It took Ginger no time at all to begin enjoying all the special attention and love that Dolores showered on her. Ginger was also quick to learn which neighbors kept dog treats on hand for her visits. She was so contented . . . at last, spending all her days and nights with the person that she “chose,” so long ago when, as a tiny handful of fur, she first met Dolores.

Dolores finds it hard to describe that special bond that she felt with Ginger, from the very beginning. “There's just something in her eyes . . .,” Dolores says, “something in those big brown eyes.” Dolores also says that little things that Ginger does makes her laugh every day. To someone else, the love that's there between the two is almost palpable. It took over five years, but somehow, it was just meant to be, and finally, it happened: Ginger is in the right place with the right person, in her “forever” home.

Spotlight On...

by Kate Goodrich



Two Sea Trail Authors

Creativity comes in many different forms. At Sea Trail we have two authors who share that creativity



Jack DeGroot

yet display it in very different genre. Jack DeGroot is known for spicy and steamy romance novels set in and around Brunswick County while Claire Connelly writes children's books about Harley, a dog with style and "att-a-tude".

Jack grew up in Laurel, MD. She graduated from Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland and worked as a sales person in a Pontiac – GM business. Jack became their top sales person and was recognized as one of GM's top sales people nationally. She and her husband, Bill, share their family of three children. Bill's son, James is 31 and lives in Watertown, NY. Jack's son, Jeff, lives in Shallotte and daughter, Kim, lives in Wilmington.

When Jack and Bill moved to Sea Trail, Kim was in 4th grade. They decided to enroll her in Cape Fear Academy in Wilmington. "The school was great but the commute was a killer, 55 miles one way!" Jack related. It wasn't long before Jack bought a used laptop, plugged it into her cigarette lighter in the car and started writing that novel that had been stored in her brain for so long. Jack jokes, "Back then I had two satellite offices besides my car – Hardee's and McDonald's." That first book, *Climax*, became Jack's obsession. She worked on it late at night, early in the morning, and most weekends. After reading the final product, one of Jack's friends and Bill read it and encouraged Jack to get it published. Jack wasn't convinced but she did send it off to publishers who either rejected it or demanded that she edit out a good bit of the 750 pages. Finally, she decided to self publish and

market the book herself. Her first book sold well and she soon developed a large following of readers who wanted more. She has since written ten other books and is currently writing the eleventh one.

Jack spends a good deal of her time researching before she writes. Before and during the writing of *The Secret of the Kindred Spirit*, she read 7 books about bridge building since that book involved building the swing bridge over to Sunset Beach. She also likes to use names of people she knows in her books. "Writing about local people and places is important. You should write what you know but you must also branch out and learn more," Jack adds. "My first book was controversial and filled with spicy love scenes. I thought we might have to move," she related. "Everyone likes something different in their books, though, and my books have done well."

Jack writes just about every day. Her goal is to write about three pages per day and she likes mornings the best. "When I sit down to write, it just flows, it just comes right out. Sometimes I get an idea for another book and take a break from the one I'm writing and work on a second one or even a third – that gets a little crazy!" Jack commented. Right now she is working on a trilogy called *The Widows of Sea Trail*. The second in the trilogy, *Tessa of Crooked Gulley*, will be available in May.

Claire Connelly was born in Bridgewater, Ma and spent her early years there in a three-story, three-family home inhabited by parents, siblings, uncles, aunts, and grandparents. Her family moved to Long Island but Claire spent every summer back in New England with her beloved grandmother. Claire graduated from Adelphi College in Long Island and worked as the manager of a surgical center in Rockville. From there she moved on to Buck Consultants in Manhattan where her primary client was Mobil Oil. She traveled extensively with this company both in the US and also in Europe.

Spotlight On...(cont.)

Claire and husband, Gene, have three children. Their son, Kevin, lives in Atlanta, Greg lives in Bridgewater, MA, and Dana lives here in Sea Trail. Gene took an early retirement and decided Sea Trail was where he wanted to live after coming here on golf trips with his friends. They have lived here for 18 years and Gene still loves golf. Claire reports, "I failed golf. I took two lessons and Jeff Davis suggested I might like other sports better. I am eternally grateful to that man!" Instead of golf, Claire got a job at Sea Trail. She worked in Reservations, in the Real Estate department and subbed in wherever she was needed around the Plantation. She also worked as a secretary to Ken Bridges, a real estate attorney.

Claire began her writing career by doing humorous articles for newspapers. "Erma Bombeck articles always made me smile. I wrote what I knew and lived and attempted to infuse those snapshot moments in my life with humor so my readers could smile too." Claire's first book, *Blue Hair and City Bound*, is a collection of these articles that had been written and published in the past. In this collection, she writes lovingly of her grandmother, scornfully of roaches in her apartment, fearfully about an emergency landing of an airline flight, and thoughtfully about age.

Her first venture in writing children's books was called *Harley*. He is a dog who describes himself as "one fine looking dog." Harley lives the good life. He has an extensive wardrobe including a tuxedo which he wears to dinner. He rides a motorcycle, jet skis, and water skis and enjoys European vacations during which he adds many French words to his vocabulary list. Harley is wonderfully

illustrated by Tricia Vanderburg whom Claire credits with bringing Harley to life. *Harley In The Doghouse* was the second book in the series followed by *Goober*, which was illustrated by Joyce M. Jacobs. Claire enjoys sharing her books with school children. When writing *Goober*, Claire worked with 3rd,

4th, and 5th graders at Supply Elementary who actually helped her write a chapter of this book. She is currently working with letter writing at Jessie Mae using her characters Harley and Goober as inspiration.

Both Jack and Claire are members of several writing groups in the area where they exchange ideas on marketing and publishing. They both share their work with others through lectures, book talks, or through the schools. Both have used "Authorhouse" to help them self publish their books. If you are looking for some great books to share with your grandchildren, try Claire's Harley series. If you want a hot, romance novel to take to the beach, choose one of Jack's books. Either way, you won't be disappointed.



Thank You

What a great community we live in Sea Trail! Thank you for the many cards, calls and expression of sympathy. Knowing we were in your thoughts and prayers made the celebration of my Daddy's life special. We are certainly blessed to be in such a wonderful neighborhood.

— David and Rita Ashley

Thank you all for your loving and caring support throughout this past year. I want to especially thank the Men's Golf Association for the beautiful brick they have donated in memory for my loving husband, Warren. We will be celebrating his life with a bricklaying service on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 3:00PM at the Chapel on the Green. I want to invite all of his wonderful friends to this service and to share in coffee and cake at our home following the service, at 590 Summer Green Court (Eastwood Park Section).

Thank you again for being my Family here at Sea Trail.
— Fondly, Barbara

Relay For Life Putting Contest and Raffle

Thanks to all the Sea Trailers who participated in our Relay For Life fund raisers. The putting contest was great fun thanks to the wonderful layout done by Eddie Pratt. More than fifty people took part and all enjoyed themselves greatly. Libby Wilson and Joe McCarthy were the first prize winners. The contest was followed by a party at the Pink Palace that featured grilled burgers and dogs washed down with cool Margaritas! The golf course raffle winners were: Diane Carcich, Gene Method, Alice Stovin, Jack Gorman, and Charlie Hanlon. This kick-off event for the Sea Trail Strollers realized over \$2000 for the Brunswick County Relay For Life. The annual event will be May 1st and 2nd at West Brunswick High School Track beginning at 6:00pm on Friday night.

— Kate and John Goodrich

Special Events

This column will feature articles on upcoming events sponsored by non-profit organizations that provide benefits and services to our community. All articles must be submitted by an STMA member who is involved with the event. The article must meet the following criteria:

1. The article must be short, one or two paragraphs.
2. Fees or donations may be mentioned.
3. No forms or tear-offs.
4. The name of the STMA member must be listed as a contact.
5. If more information is necessary, an ad may be purchased and referenced in the article.
6. An event may be included for no more than two months.

The editor and/or editorial committee reserve the right to refuse or edit articles.

Calabash Presbyterian Church's 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Chinese Auction is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the Thistle Golf Club. The entry fee is \$75 per person/\$300 per team and is limited to the first 180 players. It is planned to be an 18 hole tournament played over 27 holes. The entry fee includes a continental breakfast, a buffet lunch after play hosted by the Thistle, one free mulligan per player, free range balls, and \$10 worth of Chinese auction tickets. Prizes will be awarded to a total of ten places in a men's/mixed division and a women only division. Local charities who benefitted from last year's tournament were Brunswick Senior Resources (Sr. Meal Program), South Brunswick Interchurch Council (Food Pantry), and Brunswick Family Assistance (Food Pantry). Anyone interested in playing in this charity tournament can pick up an entry form from the church's secretary or call/e-mail Ed Kazan at 579-3384 or kazan@atmc.net.

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