



# South Brunswick Islands Woman's Club History

By: Cindy Hewett, Historian

January - December 2008

February 23, 2009

January 2008 found us at the beautiful clubhouse in River's Edge Plantation. Outgoing President Polly Russ reviewed the wonderful contributions that our club members had made to our community for the 2007 club year and then she presented Club Awards to the following members: Rookie of the Year: Cindy Hewett; Kay Batten Congeniality: Marie Marshburn; Judy Holden Citizenship: Sandy Bell (although Sandy was not present to accept- the award was actually given to her in February); Polly G. Russ Outstanding Club Woman of the Year: Cindy Hewett and the Brenda Register President's Award went to Eileen Brown and Carol Gentile. Kelly Barefoot conducted the New Member Induction and Installation of New Officers with the following (8) ladies joining our Club: Ann Medley, Lynn Wood, Carolyn-Koury Hill, Cynthia Long, Betsy Tusai, Marybeth Achterberg, Betsy Russell and Suzanne Prince. New Officers Installed for 2008: President- Tori Humphrey, President Elect- Lynn Watkins, Vice-President- Susan Gible, Recording Secretary- Gerri Cox, Corresponding Secretary- Lynda Eagle, Treasurer- Peggy Truesdale and Co-Treasurer- Eileen Brown. Melon Corsini agreed to serve as Parliamentarian and Cindy Hewett would serve as Historian.

February found us meeting at New Beginnings Church in Shallotte with Club President Tori Humphrey presiding. Sandy Bell was actually presented with her Citizenship Award and our club members gathered into their Departments to come up with project ideas for the club year. We also began to discuss fundraisers for the club year. Other highlights for this month included the Local and District Arts Festival both hosted by the Shallotte Junior Women's Club. The Local Festival was held at West Brunswick High School where several of our club members attended and provided scrumptious goodies for all to enjoy. The District Arts Festival was again held at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church where our Club assisted the Juniors in several areas! Once again, our own, Debbie Lemon served as District Scholarship Chairperson.

In March, again, we met at New Beginnings Church! Club Departments also met and lots of wonderful ideas were presented. This is where we were introduced to the "Spare Change" Jug to support the Full Belly Project sponsored by our International Affairs Department. And Home Life was putting together goody bags for the residents of Autumn Care. Jack DeGroot presented us with one of her delightful member profiles- this time it was about our President- Tori Humphrey. We were all simply amazed at how Tori seemed to know everyone in Shallotte- not to mention the array of interesting jobs she's held! ☺ The State Arts Festival was also held this month in High Point and our club was well represented. Melon Corsini, Eileen Brown and Cindy Hewett attended both the BRP Gala and The Sate Arts Festival on behalf of the SBIWC. Ramona Parker received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for her basket purse entry- it was beautiful!

Our April meeting was held at the New Beginnings Church. Sara McCullough was guest speaker from the Town of Shallotte Appearance (Beautification) Committee. This was also the month for our Annual Plant Auction- we raised just over \$600! The club voted to donate \$250 to the Town of Shallotte Beautification Program. The GFWC-NC State Convention was also held in April in Charlotte and our club was well represented. Polly Russ, Tori Humphrey and Lynn Watkins attended on behalf of the SBIWC. Once again, we assisted the Shallotte Juniors by providing desserts for the "Survivors" at the Relay for Life, as well as assisting them with the selling and purchasing of the Relay Totes they were offering as a way to raise money for the Relay! We also voted to support the Shallotte Middle School Student of the Month program by supplying them with t-shirts for \$500.





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In May we met again at the River's Edge Plantation Clubhouse for our Student Scholarship Winner's (Blythe Butler) "Off to College" Shower. Not only was she presented with a "microwave oven" from our club but she also received an incredible deluge of gifts and gift cards from individual club members. Blythe and her mother, Beverly were both very appreciative and gracious. Upcoming fundraisers were presented to the club- and we voted on 100% participation. Cindy Hewett agreed to serve as Chair of our upcoming Fashion Show: Fashions by the Sea featuring Women of Distinction II. The fashion show was scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> and required our Fundraising Committee to meet several times over the next few months to plan the event.

Our August Summer Social was hosted at the beautiful home of New Club member Ann Medley located on the Intracoastal waterway. What a fabulous view- and the parking was awesome- as Ann lives next to the Brick Landing Plantation Clubhouse! We were delighted to have some of our prospective new members join us. One of the main topics was the upcoming Fashion Show which was just a month away! Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying the fellowship and the fantastic spread that was supplied by those attending!

September was an incredible month for our club as we prepared for our upcoming fashion show! The Show was held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Sea Trail Golf Resort and Convention Center. Jon Evans from WECT-TV6 served as emcee. We had the following ladies featured in our Women of Distinction Segment: Beverly Lassiter- GFWC-NC President, Georgann Sapp- GFWC-NC Director of Juniors, Brenda Batchelor- GFWC- Board of Trustees, Penny Tysinger- GFWC-NC District 7 President, Betty Williamson- Ocean Isle Beach Commissioner, Susie Wooten- Ocean Isle Beach Commissioner, Lisa Massey- Sunset Beach Chief of Police and Cathy Altman- President and CEO Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce. Several Club members were also models- but in the end it was the children who stole the show! Fashions were provided by Island Breeze, J. Huffman, Sea Trail Pro Shop, Lori's Golf Shoppe, Little Friends Children's Boutique and Seaside Embroidery & Accessories. Featured models also included youth from The First Tee Program and several young ladies from the Boys & Girls Homes of NC. When it was all over, we raised over \$18,000 from monetary and in-kind support. The Boys & Girls Homes of NC Inc., The South Brunswick Interchurch Council- Food Pantry, Girls on the Run, The First Tee of Brunswick County and our Scholarship Fund were the main recipients of the proceeds from the Fashion Show. Our September Club Meeting was held the following evening at Cinelli's Restaurant at Ocean Isle Beach where we welcomed three special guests: Beverly Lassiter- GFWC-NC President, Brenda Batchelor- GFWC-NC Board of Trustee, and Penny Tysinger- GFWC-NC District 7 President. Beverly and Penny were both guest speakers placing emphasis on membership and the President's Special Project: Girls on the Run!

The Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash was the setting for our October Club Meeting which featured guest speaker: Gary Halberstadt, President of The Brunswick Arts Council. Another special event for the evening was our "Art Auction for Charity" sponsored by our Art Department. We teamed with Art Sync Magazine and had several local artists donate beautiful pieces of artwork which were auctioned to the highest bidder! Penny Tysinger, District 7 President, served as our Auctioneer. We voted on 2009 Officers and New Members - and- we raised over \$1,800 which was donated to the Brunswick Arts Council.



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The Innisbrook Fundraiser was held again this year and we raised over \$1,300! We did not hold a club meeting in November- but rather held our Annual Holiday Auction on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the beautiful home of Debbie Lemon. Again, Debbie's home was the perfect location, as it was spacious and beautifully decorated for the holidays. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we raised over \$900 to support our local charities!

To bring our year to a close, our December Social was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and found us again in the lovely home of club member Ann Medley. Ann's home was absolutely gorgeous as it was decorated for the holidays and looked as though it could appear on the pages of Southern Living Magazine. This was a fun meeting as Secret Sisters were revealed! Jack DeGroot also presented us with another Club Member Profile, this time on yours truly. Funny, even I learned some things about myself. Jack certainly has a wonderful way with words! ☺ We voted on Club Awards and pretty much brought a fabulous year to a close!

The SBIWC Monetary Donations for 2008 exceeded \$20,000 and included the following:

- The Boys & Girls Homes of NC, Inc. (\$4841)
- The Ronald McDonald Homes of Chapel Hill and Durham (\$2843)
- The South Brunswick Inter Church Council - Food Pantry (\$1,926)
- Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship to Blythe Butler (\$1,000)
- Girls on the Run (the New Chapter at Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary) (\$1,000)
- The Brunswick Family Assistance- Food Pantry (\$1,000)
- The First Tee of Brunswick County (\$958)
- Stop Hunger Now Program (\$300)
- The Beautification Program for the Town of Shallotte (\$250)
- Brunswick County Teen Court Program (\$250)
- Walk for Autism (\$250)
- Brunswick County Smart Start Program (\$200)
- Bark at the Beach (For Easter Seals) (\$200)
- March of Dimes (\$150)
- Brunswick County Teacher of the Year Luncheon (\$125)

Magnificent work, Ladies! ☺





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Bricklanding Plantation Clubhouse provided the perfect setting for our January 2007 Club Meeting. The highlight of the evening was the installation of New Officers and Induction of New Members, along with the presentation of Club Awards. Outgoing Club President, Sheila Barnett, presented club awards with Club Woman of the Year going to Marie Marshburn and the Citizenship Award presented to Melon Corsini. Other winners included, Congeniality: Ann Landis and Rookie of the Year: Lynn Watkins. The President's Award went to Marie Marshburn and Ann Landis. District 7 President, Julie Rigsbee installed our new officers and assisted Sheila Barnett with the induction of new members. New Officers were President: Polly Russ, President Elect: Tori Humphrey, Vice-President: Jennifer Keenan, Recording Secretary: Gerri Cox, Corresponding Secretary: Lynda Eagle, Treasurer: Peggy Truesdale, and Co-Treasurer: Lynn Watkins. New members were Carole Gentile, Carol Grantham, Cindy Hewett, Cindy McCabe, Pamela McNeel, Jo-Ann Thomasen, Mimi Gaither and Lori Boldt. Club members signed up for Departments and Committees and those participating in Secret Sisters "drew" their names. Jack Degroot presented us with a special treat as she highlighted Debbie Lemon in her Club Member profile.

February found us meeting at Allstate Insurance Office in Shallotte with Club President Polly Russ presenting those in attendance with the challenge of finding out a little more about fellow club members. And oh the things we learned! Discoveries included revelations such as the majority of our club members are non-natives of Brunswick County, Lori Boldt amazingly had 4 car seats in her vehicle (with all of them being used!) and Gail Hickman was the only one wearing a monogram that evening. We had a lot of fun, learned a lot and ate a lot- as the hospitality folks provided a lavish spread for us to enjoy! The champagne punch was pretty tasty, too! Once again, Jack treated us to another club member profile- this time we learned all about Daphne Yarborough-Jones. Other highlights for this month included the Local and District Arts Festival both hosted by the Shallotte Junior Women's Club. The Local Festival was held at West Brunswick High School where several of our club members attended and provided baked goodies for all attendees to enjoy. The District Arts Festival was held at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church where our Club assisted the Juniors in several areas to include serving lunch! Our own, Debbie Lemon served as District Scholarship Chairperson.

In March we met at the Carolina Cantina! What a pleasant surprise this was as it proved to be (literally) a hidden treasure on the grounds of the First Tee of Brunswick County. Rusty Petrea was our special guest as he spoke to us about the specifics of the First Tee Program. Our Departments met individually and began to make plans for the remainder of the club year. The State Arts Festival was also held this month in Winston Salem.

Our April meeting was held at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church. We were surrounded by loads of lush, beautiful greenery as this was our Annual Plant Auction. Corresponding Secretary, Lynda Eagle, presented us with an enlightening devotional centered around "Earth Day" and Matthew 13:3-8. Lynda cleverly presented the "virtues" of common fruits and vegetables like squash, turnips and beets! This year's plant auction was a silent auction in which we raised almost \$700 for our club. Social time was enjoyable as the food was scrumptious and club members used this time to bid on those items they were hoping to "win". Also at this meeting, club members were shown a sample of the embroidered T-shirts that we donated to the Shallotte Middle School Student of the Month Program!





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The GFWC-NC State Convention was also held in April and our club was well represented. We were excited to know that Maric Marshburn and Melon Corsini were both being recognized as District Award Recipients. Once again, we assisted the Shallotte Juniors by providing desserts for the "Survivors Dinner" at the Relay for Life.

In May we met again at the Bricklanding Plantation Clubhouse for our Student Scholarship Winner's (Kristen Hughes) "Off to College" Shower. Not only was she presented with a "Bed in a Box" from our club but she also received from individual club members what seemed like a boatload of wonderful gifts! It was a delight to have her and her mother as guests! She was charming and very appreciative. Several of our club members also brought in "Birthday Bags" that contained items to be used for birthday parties for children who happened to be at Hope Harbor on their birthdays. Club members also brought in cereal and other items that were donated to the Food Pantry. Our annual Fashion Show Fundraiser was a point of discussion at this meeting. It was decided that we would team with the GFWC-Holden Beach group for this year's event. Cindy Hewett agreed to represent our club and serve as Co-Chair.

The District 7 Summer Meeting was held at Lake Waccamaw at the Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina. SBIWC was well represented as several of our club members attended.

Our August Summer Social was hosted at the home of Club member Susan Gible. She and her husband Tim, invited us to their beautiful waterfront home on Holden Beach. Those attending brought what seemed like an endless supply of tasty goodies to share. Business was light, as we further discussed the upcoming Fashion Show fundraiser, as well as the Ice Cream Social for Shallotte Middle School sixth-graders.

Club member Patti Hughes arranged for our September meeting to be held at the Exquisite Glow Lighting facility. What a treat this was as we were able to browse and yes, some of us even managed to shop! Jack Degroot, once again, presented another wonderful club woman profile as she spotlighted "Peggy Truesdale". This was a busy meeting as we discussed plans for the Fashion Show and Innisbrooke Fundraising packets were distributed. A Nominating Committee selected with Susan Gible, Lisa Mintz and Eileen Brown filling the spots. Their task? None other than to present a slate of officers for the next club year at our October meeting. Of course it was no surprise that the food was phenomenal! Club members also voted on new members for the upcoming year.

Penny Redwine opened her beautiful home for us, as she and husband, David (Butch) hosted our October meeting. What a special treat this was as the highlight of the evening was an Oyster Roast for club members and our husbands (or special guests). Oysters were enjoyed by many, but never fear those who didn't like oysters had plenty of tasty treats to sample. A special presentation was given on the Oyster Recycling Program and club members voted on Club Officers for the upcoming year. Polly breathed a sigh of relief as Tori Humphrey was voted in as our next club President!



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November was an eventful month for our club, to say the least. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Fashions By The Sea: featuring Women of Distinction Fashion Show was held at the Sea Trail Golf Resort and Convention Center at Sunset Beach. What a day this turned out to be! All of our hard work paid off as we had about 200 guests attending. Jon Evans was our emcee and Mary Easley, First Lady of NC was one of our special guests. The total amount raised from the fashion show was approximately \$23,000 with approximately \$15,000 marked for local charities. The Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina received \$8,831 and The First Tee of Brunswick County received \$2,944.

November 19<sup>th</sup> marked the eve of our Annual Holiday Auction. It was held at the home of Debbie and Ed Lemon. This was the perfect location, as it was spacious and beautifully decorated for the holidays. A terrific time was had by all in attendance! The bidding began and many of us were able to mark a few names off of our shopping lists as items were claimed by the highest bidders. Suprisingly enough, Marie Marshburn and Melanie Younts didn't have to rent a u-haul after all! This year's auction brought in a little over \$1700.

A Nominating Committee (Gerri Cox, Kelli Barefoot and Lynda Eagle) was selected to present the slate of Officers for 2009 at our October 2008 meeting. Needless to mention, the food was to die for! This month, Jack DeGroot highlighted Club member Sandy Bell in her Club member profile. The things we learn about one another. Our club is so fortunate to have so many talented, compassionate and caring women. It is simply amazing! The Innisbrooke Fundraiser "wrapped up" at this meeting and easily raised almost \$500.

To bring our year to a close, our December meeting was graciously hosted by new club member Carol Grantham. This time we found ourselves on Ocean Isle Beach in yet another beautiful beach home that was cozy and festive. This was a fun meeting as Secret Sisters were revealed! And of course, it was yet another gathering in which "the spread" was scrumptious- and let us not forget about the dessert table! Boy, did we eat....and eat....and eat! We voted on Club Awards and pretty much called it a night!

That about covers it- In a nutshell, 2007 was a fantastic year!



South Brunswick Islands Woman's Club  
2005 Club History

We began the New Year with our induction ceremony at the Calabash Steakhouse. Brenda Batchelor, one of our founding club members, was there to do the honors. New members brought in were: Brenda Aftold, Cindy Cheatham, Betsy Herring, Pam Keith, and Debra Wilson. The new executive slate was as follows:

President: Melanie Younts  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Sheila Barnette  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Marci Callen  
Treasurer: Marie Marshburn  
Recording Secretary: Jack DeGroot  
Correspondence Secretary: Polly Russ  
Parliamentarian: Peggy Grich

Committees were assigned and we contributed to a fundraiser for one of the teachers at Supply Elementary, Mr. Henry Randolph, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

In February we met at Calvary Baptist Church where we worked on an Easter egg project for Shallotte Assisted Living. Our club took two 2<sup>nd</sup> place and two 1<sup>st</sup> place awards at the Arts Festival. And Melon Corsini was the District Club Woman of the Year. By law changes, a refresher on Roberts Rules of Order, and discussion of The Women of Achievement Awards Dinner at BCC (Sandy Bell won the Award for Public Service!) were our main topics. We added a Woman of the Month Award named after Brenda H. Batchelor. We discovered we had a generous heart, too generous in fact, and decided we needed to spend this year building up our funds again.

March found us at Camp United Methodist where we arranged to host an ice cream social for Autumn Care and helped sell tickets for the Woman's Club District Raffle Fundraiser. Sheila Barnette was our very first Club Woman of the Month. We talked about supporting the Juniors with their major fundraiser, the upcoming Spring Fling. Fundraising was a big topic—cookbooks, wrapping paper, crafts shows and dances were words bantered around that month.

Springtime and the view couldn't have been better. We had our fourth meeting of the year at The Sea Gallery in Ocean Isle Beach. Our Club Woman of the Month was Marie Marshburn. Kelly Barefoot presented us with a beautiful silver loving cup and a gorgeous serving tray, we won 1<sup>st</sup> place for our work with the Boys and Girls Home and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the category of Education for Life at the Convention. Kelly and Cindy Cheatham were beside themselves with glee as we beat out the Raleigh and Charlotte clubs quite handily. By laws were reviewed until we were all cross-eyed, we couldn't wait for everything to be resolved and voted on in May. We decided on a fashion show as our major fundraiser and Kelly volunteered to be the chairperson. Our plant auction was a great success that night, slowly but surely we were building up our reserves again.

May and we again had an awesome view, this time from the clubhouse at Bent Tree. Kelly Barefoot was our Club Woman of the Month. And thankfully, the by laws changes were mastered and voted in. We patted ourselves on our backs for the good job we did as mentors for the testing program, and stuffed ourselves silly on the most amazing, yet nutritious salad bar the hospitality committee had set up. We learned from



Roselle Margolis how to guard our identities and what to do if we had legal issues we didn't know how to handle.

June, July and August are not months when we meet, but we did manage to get good attendance at a summer social held at Polly Russ's beach house. We had a nice relaxing time, great food and beautiful weather. We all agreed Polly's house would be a lovely place to have an annual retreat.

September means time to get back to the business of club work. The meeting was held at the Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash. Darrel Bendin, the president of the Brunswick Arts Council spoke as the club enjoyed the local art displayed in the gallery. Courtney Jones, our scholarship recipient sent a thank you card acknowledging our award to her. Our cookbooks are selling well, beefing up our checkbook balance rather nicely, and we participated in an easy fundraiser by ordering pecans from Uncle Al's. Plans for the fashion show were ratcheted up and it was decided we all had to buy at least two tickets to support the club's efforts. Jack DeGroot was the Club Woman of the Month, and eleven new members were voted in!

The District meeting was held at Calvary Baptist Church on October 15<sup>th</sup> and it was a whopping success. It was a wonderful meeting; the Purple Onion did a great job with the food, making our club, as the host club, look quite competent indeed.

Our meeting for October was, coincidentally, at the Purple Onion. Linda Gironda, the Executive Director of the Brunswick County Partnership for Children spoke about all the programs they offer. The Club Woman of the Month was Polly Russ. Plans for the Fashion Show at Sea Trail were moving along nicely and thanks to Sheila's efforts at the Arts Festival, selling cookbooks, our bank balance was getting healthy again. A new slate of officers was voted in, and we all held our breath for the official notification. Just kidding, no one ran opposed.

November, and our most favorite meeting of the year—the Christmas Auction at Teresa Williamson's house. The Fashion Show in November was wonderful. We all had a marvelous time and it brought in over \$4,000! Dues were paid, and the nominating committee formed. The Club Woman of the Month was Sandy Bell. Requests for donations were invited as we now had money to give away. The auction was fun, the food bountiful and the camaraderie what we all came for.

Christmas at the Beach. Our December meeting was at Marci Callen's beach house at Holden Beach. Arts Festival projects were discussed and awards for the year were voted on. The Club Woman of the Month was Teresa Williamson. We were saddened this year by many things. A few cherished members tendered their resignations and a few members lost loved ones. There was happy news, too; some weddings and the birth of some babies made our members smile. We're all anxious to start a New Year and see what wonderful things we can get ourselves into!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack DeGroot  
Recording Secretary  
2005



# Tide Times



SOUTH BRUNSWICK ISLANDS WOMAN'S CLUB

The Year 2004 in Review

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Our first meeting of 2004 was held on a wet, cold, dreary night, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Grill at Ocean Isle Beach. The weather did not deter us from our installation ceremony. We welcomed the following new members:

Helen Bunch, Gerri Cox, Debbie Dillard, Harriet Hemphill, Tori Humphrey, Susan Saturno, Donna Webb and Cecilia Weston.

New officers were installed:

President: Sandy Bell

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Jack DeGroot

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Melanie Younts

Treasurer: Marie Marshburn

Corresponding Secretary: Katherine Hayes

Recording Secretary: Marci Callen

Parliamentarian: Peggy Grich

Our February meeting was held at Brunswick Community College. The program was focusing on women's health issues. The speakers were Dr. Henry Herring, Pam Owens, Beverly Clark, and Jan Drake. It was a very informative meeting and the presentation of food set a standard for the year. It is fun to see members be so creative!

March was a busy month for us. We baked cookies for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Autumn Care. Our meeting was held at Camp Methodist and we had speakers from Paw's Place, an animal "no kill" shelter.

Our April meeting has become our traditional plant auction held at Calvary Baptist Church. Members brought plants—some out of their own gardens—garden "adornments" and other fun stuff. Our silent auction raised money that was donated to Cystic Fibrosis. We also had a report from our officers that attended the state convention. We won TWO awards and were very proud our efforts in our community were recognized! The month of April also found many members supporting our Junior club's dance—offering sponsorships or buying tickets to attend.

May is always a busy month for us. We held our meeting at the Bent Tree Club House. We had a "college shower" for our scholarship winner and members were very generous with their giving. Our speaker was from Lower Cape Fear



Hospice and was willing to answer a lot of our questions. May also was the month we hosted the teacher luncheon at Shallotte Middle School and members participated in Relay for Life. We as a club also voted to go ahead with a cookbook—each of us submitting 10 recipes of things we really cook.

We do not meet in the summer—but planned a flotilla—but the weather didn't cooperate and we ended up having a fun pot luck on a screened in porch!

September is our busy getting back together month. We did have time for a presentation for Anita Oldham who is heading a committee for a homeless shelter in our county. Many of our members went back to the classroom to help tutor, proctor, mentor, read to classes etc.

October found us at the Shallotte Assisted Living Center with a presentation from the staff there with ways that SBIWC can assist them. Our food table was Awesome—like the best Halloween party ever! October found us also hosting our traditional Hope Harbor Scholarship Fashion Show. It was terrific and members did an outstanding job of decorating, preparing food, modeling selling tickets, cleaning up—it was a group effort and we raised over \$4200!!

November is our annual Christmas Auction and the gracious Teresa Williamson again hosted it. We voted that \$1000 of the proceeds go to Boys and Girls Home. November also found members walking and making food for the Crop Walk—a community walk that benefits first our community then the world—and our club was a major sponsor of the event.

The December meeting was held at Carolyn Felton's home. It was a laid back relaxing night with members putting finishing touches on the Christmas stockings going to each girl at the Boys and Girls home. We revealed our secret sisters and shared our favorite childhood Christmas Gift.

It was a busy year—we raised over \$10,000 and gave away over \$7,000. We gave to: Providence Home, Hope Harbor, Autism, Cystic Fibrosis, Shallotte Juniors Art Festival, Brunswick County Teacher of the Year, Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Shallotte Middle School Life Skills Class for special children, Paw's Place, The Brunswick County Courthouse Children's waiting room, Relay for Life, Crop Walk, Operation Smile, Friend of the Library, Boys and Girls Home, Autumn Care, Shallotte Assisted Living, and the Destiny Science Project for West Brunswick High School.

We received three grants this year. From Proctor and Gamble and Mentoring kit—we were one of 12 clubs in the nation to receive it! From Shell Oil—\$93.00 to purchase paints for the children's room at the courthouse, and from Allstate Insurance \$100.36 to purchase books on woman's financial issues to be donated to our local library.

Our cookbook has been published and we look forward to another rewarding year of service!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katherine Hayes, Corresponding Secretary 2004



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Our first meeting of the year was held at the Sunset Grille Restaurant in Ocean Isle Beach. We welcomed the following new members: Sheila Barnett, Nancy Fritz, Patti Hewett, Pam Jones, Adrianna Sidelinger and Daphne Yarbrough-Jones. The total number of members for 2003 is 44.

Four awards were present for contributions by our members for the year 2002.

Rookie of the year:	Marci Callen
Judy R. Holden Citizenship Award:	Melon Corsini
Kay Batten Congeniality Award:	Sandy Bell
Brenda L. Register Presidents Award:	Marge Colleparidi

Officers installed for 2003:

President	Melon Corsini Sandy
1st Vice President	Bell Melanie Younts
2nd Vice President Treasurer	Marie Marshburn
Corresponding Secretary	Katherine Hayes
Recording Secretary	Marci Callen Peggy
Parliamentarian	Grich Carolyn Jenks

Historian

We sponsored a Valentines Day party for the residents of Autumn Care. We also gathered goodie bag items such as tissues, hand lotion, lip balm, socks etc. which were greatly appreciated.

The district wide Arts Festival was held in Wilmington on February 22, 2003. The State Arts Festival was held in Winston-Salem on March 22, 2003. We had four talented winners at the State level - Melon Corsini, Marci Callen, Carmela Duncan and Daphne Yarbrough-Jones.  
**Congratulations!**

Our guest speaker in March was Elwood Cheers, President of the Save Old Sunnyside project. He enlightened us on the history of the Sunnyside School and the future plans. Some of our members attended school there so it was a very nostalgic evening.

In March we decided to adopt the Shallotte Middle School teachers. A teachers luncheon was planned for May 10th at the school with the club providing the food. We sent each of the teachers a "Thank You" note for all their hard work. Club members volunteered to be proctors for the end of grade exams. In October we made candy stuffed pumpkins for the teachers.

We raised \$435.00 at our April Plant Sale, the highest amount ever. We had an excellent variety of plants as well as some interesting containers.

We worked with the Junior Woman's Club on the Relay for Life in May. On June 7th both clubs worked together on our Yard Sale which was held at Camp united Methodist Church in Shallotte with proceeds going to the Sunnyside School renovations.



The Juniors Club sent a member to our May meeting and spoke to us about a project they had taken on selling special cancer awareness bracelets, many of our members purchased one or more bracelets...

The Hope Harbor Committee worked very diligently planning the October Fashion Show. In past years, the event was held at Sea Trail with a catered luncheon. Plans for 2003 included the following changes: Hold the event in the evening at the newly completed Shrine Club's facility, with the club supplying the food, decorating the facility, gathering door prizes etc. Our efforts paid off with the club raising over \$2,700. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work. It was a great opportunity to work together preparing the food as well as having a fun time.

Donations for 2003:

\$ 100.00	Legion Baseball League
\$ 200.00	Ocean Isle Turtle Education
\$ 500.00	Toward purchase of a culposcopy scope (used to abuse provide evidence in a rape and sexual cases)
\$ 250.00	Crop Walk
\$ 250.00	Brunswick County Literacy Council Hope Harbor
\$ 2,434.00	Sunnyside School renovations Scholarship
\$ 1,590.00	Award to Zachary Babson Three computers to Girls Home the Lake Waccamaw Books to our local library
\$ 500.00	

In September we had a fun social with our spouses at Brick Landing. Our December meeting was a Christmas party a Polly's, with just our members.

2003 was a busy year and I'm sure 2004 will be even busier.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine Hayes



**2002 South Brunswick Islands Woman's Club  
History**

The South Brunswick Islands Woman's Club began a new year by inducting new members and installing new officers at Tamer's Restaurant. Eight new members gave us a total of 46 members. Our new members were Marci Callen, Cindy Hewett, Marie Marshburn, Sara McCurry, Beverly Methvin, Donna Trest, Debbie Tuttle, and Pam Yount. And our new officers were Melon Corsini, President, Sandy Bell, Vice President, Katherine Hayes, Secretary, and Patti Hughes, Treasurer. It was an exciting night as well because we gave out our awards for 2001. The Rookie of the Year Award went to Kathy Moore, the Judy Holden Scholarship Award went to Melanie Younts, the Kay Batten Congeniality Award went to Melon Corsini, the Brenda L. Register President's Award went to Tammy Lewis and the Hope Harbor Home Award went to Peggy Grieb. Once again we signed up for departments and committees and began our busy year.

We participated in the Arts Festival with eight entries. We began planning our Valentine Party at Autumn Care. We began planning our budget and talked about our upcoming programs for the year. Donna Trest and Penny Redwine agreed to be our Co-Chaplains. Brenda Batchler & Fran Papi volunteered for the Scholarship Committee. Brenda agreed to be our Parliamentarian. We were off and running with just our first meeting.

February brought our participation in the District 7 Arts Festival which we co-hosted with the Shallotte Junior Woman's club. Yearbooks were given out. We began our plans for the Centennial Celebration of North Carolina Woman's Clubs to be held April 25-27 in Winston-Salem. We set up a Budget Committee. We received an invitation to a preview of the reopening of Fort Fisher Aquarium which had just gone through a major remodeling and expansion.

In March we brought books for our library (32 in all) and had a program by Roger Smith and Laura Thompson regarding the Sunshine Transition Programs Inc. Melon Corsini won first place and Carmella Duncan received second place- with their entries at the State Arts Festival. We voted to send one child to the Christian Sports Camp at Campbell University and made a donation to a new baseball league for high school aged youngsters. Susan Gibble enlightened us about a new program that will address the homeless people in Brunswick County. There are an estimated 250 people homeless in our county. Our scholarship winner was announced: Alex Smith and we decided to give him a "off to-college" shower. We began discussion of a yard sale. Are we busy or what?

Mayor Gerald Long of Shallotte came to our April meeting so he could present to our club, along with the Shallotte Juniors, a proclamation to celebrate 100 years of Women's Clubs in North Carolina. We are all proud of being members of this organization and making a difference in our community, our state and our nation. Our own club member, Brenda Batchelor, was inducted as GFWC-NC Treasurer for 2002-04 at the Centennial Celebration. CONGRATULATIONS!!! April is our month to have a "Silent" Plant auction and this year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> time we have had this fund-raiser. Announcements were made regarding the dates for Walk America, sponsored by the March of Dimes and Relay for Life, sponsored by American Cancer Society. -We also made a donation. to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The last meeting before our summer break found us learning more about the Brunswick County Literacy Council with Bunny Beagle. We had our off to college" shower for Alex Smith. He seemed overwhelmed with our generosity. It was so much fun for us. Our "Yard Sale" date was set for Sept. 28th and Jack Degroot and Marci Callen agreed to be in charge and get us organized. We were invited to the Ingram Planetarium opening for May 25th. We have so many things to see and do in our progressive community. Kathy Moore will be our membership chairperson and ask us to have potential candidates' names by September.

A social was held at the Silver Coast Winery in Aug. We toured the winery, learned about and tasted various wines and visited their art gallery. It was very informative and enjoyed by all who attended.

Back to work in Sept. It's one of our busiest months. We toured the new Brunswick County Court House- with the Clerk of Courts, Diane Morgan, Judge- Bill Gore gave us a big welcome and our own Sandy Bell, who works in the District Attorney's Office, arranged it before the official dedication. Yard Sale plans were finalized. New prospective members were voted on; Pam Brady, Pam Jones, Sheila Barnette, Nancy Fritz, Adriane Sidelinger, Carley Willeford, Daphne Yarborough and Patty Hewett. Polly asked us to consider a three year club project to help with Sunnyside School. We again decided to help Carolyn Felton with the Fashion Show Fund Raiser that provides a Hope Harbor Home Scholarship. This



is our 5th year to do this. We made plans for our Providence Home Reception to recognize the volunteers. Marge Collepari and Bernice McRoberts ask us to help with decorating Autumn Care for the holidays and small items that they need at the nursing home. Teresa Williamson volunteered her house for our annual holiday auction in November. Thanks Teresa! You always are so generous. The nominating committee named some of the new officers for 2003. Melon Corsini has agreed to be our President again and Sandy Bell followed suit and said she would be Vice President for another term. Marci Callen will be our new Secretary. The By-Law committee will be meeting Sept. 30th and is considering new office positions since our club has grown so much. They will also propose some changes to the By-Laws to make us more efficient. This will be submitted to the club in writing before we vote on these changes. Debbie Tuttle and her husband, Ed will be our hosts for the Christmas party Dec. 7th. We finalized the Yard Sale.

In October, we voted on dues new officers and by-law changes. We set up the cooking schedule for the Providence Home Reception. We decided to do stockings for the Lake Waccamaw Home for Girls. Melon made all the stockings and personalized them for us, while the club filled them with really great things.

This club makes a big contribution to those in need. The Holiday Auction will be Nov. 25th.

As the year came to a close we voted on our awards that are given in Jan. Our Auction was successful as always and we revealed our Secret Sisters at the Christmas Party. Sometimes I think we should stop and give ourselves a pat on the back for all we do. Our members are diverse, creative, generous, and are making this a GREAT community. Thank you each and every one of you.

Connie Schutte  
Historian

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January started out with our induction of new members and initiation of officers at our dinner meeting at Tamers. The new members were Judy Branson, Cannella Duncan, Carolyn Felton, Mary Helen Hinson, Shirley Koltarz, Fran Papi,, Connie Schutte, Carolyn Vultec, Pam Williams, Lisa Mintz, and Barbara Karkut. The following officers were installed by Brenda Batchelor: Melanie Younts-President, Carolyn Hill-Vice President, Teresa Williamson-Secretary, and Tammie Lewis as Treasurer. The awards were then presented to the following members. Rookie of the year went to Kelly Barefoot, the Kay C. Batten award to Melon Corsini, the Judy R. Holden award to Melanie Younts and the Brenda L. Register award to the Executive committee of 2000. The members were gearing up for the upcoming District and State Arts Festival.

Our February meeting was held at Scents Unlimites. The meeting was highlighted by the announcement that three of our members won awards at the District Arts Festival. The winner of SBIWC \$500.00 Sally Southhall Cotton Scholarship was Stephanie Katz. It was agreed to donate \$350.00 to the Brunswick county Search and Rescue Team to purchase a radio. It was also agreed upon to donate \$250.00 to the planetarium walk of MOCC, \$100.00 to the Brunswick county Teacher of the Year luncheon, \$250.00 to the Conquest Camp Scholarship fund to sponsor a young girl from Brunswick County, and \$250.00 to the Providence Home to help build a rec. room for troubled teens.

Melanie started out the March meeting by congratulating Melon Corsini for winning first place in the State Arts Festival. There was discussion and planning for our yard sale/bake sale to be held in June. It was agreed upon to donate \$100.00 of our proceeds from our plant auction to cystic fibrosis. The club voted to donate \$175.00 towards a Hugh O'Brian Scholarship for a local High School student and to allocate \$500.00 towards expenses for our delegates to represent our club at the State convention.

At our April meeting, there was much excitement about our upcoming dinner meeting in May with the Shallotte Juniors. This meeting included discussion and organizing of our "summer dance" fundraiser and our yard/bake sale in June. It was approved to provide paper products for the child abuse awareness seminar. The program for our plant auction meeting was a brief seminar on local plants given by Charlie Spencer. A local master gardener with the Brunswick County Center of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

Our May meeting was an exciting one. We met jointly with the Juniors at River's Edge for dinner. There was discussion on raising money by selling SBIWC aprons. There were final plans made for our yard/bake sale. It was decided to postpone our summer dance to the fall. The club agreed to donate \$50.00 to the memorial fund in memory of our district President's daughter, Ann Brown. Kelly Barefoot also announced that our district won three big awards. We won largest increase in membership, largest increase in number of clubs, and won an award for chartering a club.



Our September meeting welcomed the fall at Carolyn Hill's house. It was announced that we raised \$257.50 at our plant auction, giving \$100.00 to Cystic fibrosis. We raised \$1,355.23 at our yard/bake sale, and \$551.00 at our September "tail gate" party. The club heartily agreed to donate \$500.00 to disaster relief for the victims of the recent terrorist attack. It was also agreed upon to donate \$100.00 to the Union Elementary School Scholarship Fund. Discussion began on our next big event: the "Fashion and Finance for Women" fundraiser. This fundraiser is for the Hope Harbor Scholarship fund and is hosted by Carolyn Felton of A.G. Edwards & Sons, Clarice Holden of Island Breeze and the SBIWC. The slate of new officers was presented by Sandy Bell. Connie Schutte presented new candidates for membership. It was voted on for the club to help host the Providence Home Volunteer Banquet again this year.

In October, there was discussion on finalizing plans for the "Fashion and Finance for Women" fundraiser and hosting the Providence Home volunteer banquet. There was also much discussion on the upcoming Christmas Party and the Holiday Auction. The club voted to donate \$250.00 towards Turkeys and other foods for the Brunswick County Family Assistance Program and to help wrap presents donated by Judge Foster and other local lawyers for foster children of Brunswick County. This meeting ended with a social and a pumpkin decorating contest.

The November meeting was brief and discussion was mainly on the our Christmas projects, such as wrapping presents for foster children, decorating Autumn Care, and a reminder to members to bring their presents for the Brunswick County Tree of Hope to the Christmas party. More plans for the Christmas Party were finalized. Once the meeting was adjourned, the club members and their guests enjoyed the Holiday Auction.

By summarizing this year, I am humbled by how much our club does for our community. The time, money, and enormous energies our club members donate are truly inspirational.

In the words of **William** Wordsworth...

*The best portion of a good man's life,  
His little nameless unremembered acts  
Of kindness and love.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Williamson  
Secretary