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NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION CANCELED AT THE PLANTATION CLUB

by - Donna Wald

The SAC management team and the NYE planning committee made the tough decision to cancel this year's New Year's Eve event a few weeks before the event due to concerns over the increasingly rapid transmission of the Omicron variant. All of the planning was completed at the time of the cancellation including the floorplan and seating arrangements, placement of food orders, hiring of a DJ (Beyond the Muzik), and ordering supplies and decorations for the event. Beth Moorcones was the Chairperson for this event. SAC Sub-Committee members who participated in the planning process were Donna Wald, Lynn Wieties, Myong Jensen, Cathy Benton, Pam Woeckel, Eileen Faulkner, Peggy Wilson, Kim Pirro, Karina Conticello, and Liz and Ron Weinhold. Thank you to these Sub-Committee members for the time and effort that they devoted to the planning of this event.

12-4-21- SAC & ORCA HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE AND FESTIVITIES

by - Donna Wald

On December 4, SAC and ORCA "kicked off" the holiday season in style by collaborating and providing an afternoon of fun for our residents at the Nature Pavilion. The festivities commenced with a vehicles-only parade through Ocean Ridge led by Santa (Rick Walton), his 5 motorcycle-riding elves (Dan Woeckel, David LaBianca, Bob Munger, Brian Babb, Glen Taube), and several enthusiastic vehicle-driving elves who decorated their cars with reindeer noses and antlers. A special thank you to Vinny Mangelli for transporting Santa in his sporty white Mustang convertible!



Everyone along the parade route waved and grinned as the entourage tooted their car horns and drove by. Several residents were waiting at the end of their driveways or on their lawns and cheered on the motorcade as it passed by. It was particularly enjoyable to see little kids (young enough to still believe in Santa) waving to Santa and jumping up and down with excitement as he drove past the intersection of Dartmoor and Castlebrook. It made everyone participating in the motorcade smile and feel like a little kid again.

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Santa's parade ended at the Nature Pavilion decorated with beautiful turquoise and silver bows, holiday garland and silver ornaments, and lighted icicles. Our SAC Sub-Committee decorated the Pavilion on Friday afternoon and Rosemary Kilbridge's beautiful bows certainly made the Nature Pavilion's decorations "pop".

Thanks to Rick Walton for providing the festive holiday music. The music playlist contained holiday favorites and created an environment full of goodwill and holiday cheer. The Lemon Tree Marketplace provided gourmet baked goodies and hot drinks for purchase.

Thanks to the following SAC Sub-Committee members who worked on this event: Donna Wald and Pam Woeckel (Chairs), Ruth Walton, Wendy Carney, Jane DeShazo, Lynn Wieties, Cathy Benton, Deb DeVoe, Karen Feeley, Debbie Vosburg, Bernadette D'Ascoli, Libby Smith, and Joan Griffith.

The turnout at ORCA's Marketplace and Holiday Raffle was fabulous. Over 100 residents signed in at the registration table staffed by SAC volunteers. A huge thank you goes to the many OR residents who contributed the beautifully hand-crafted items and luscious desserts or who donated wines, golf rounds or other services for the raffle. Attendees enjoyed perusing the tables full of offerings and placing their raffle tickets in the corresponding jars... hoping their ticket was the winner drawn at day's end. The big winner was 'Warm Homes, Warm Hearts'. As a result of the raffle ticket sales, ORCA was able to donate over \$2300 to this Brunswick Electric program that doubles the donation and assists local residents in need of help with their heating and electric bills.

Thanks also to the ORCA event team: Maggy Schlink (President), Claudia Piccarelli (Treasurer), Judy Cunningham (Event Chair), Peggy Burris, Pris Lovell, Beth Naylor and Kathy Sanchez.



Claudia Piccarelli and Maggy Schlink



Lemon Tree Marketplace

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Santa & his elves



Santa & Dan Woeckel



Santa & Mrs. Claus, Pam Woeckel, and Mary Mangelli



SAC Decorating Team
pictured left and above



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Raffle Tables



pictured left

Pam Woeckel, Deb DeVoe, Joan Griffith, Donna Wald, Wendy Carney, Libby Smith, Judy Cunningham, Jane DeShazo, Karen Feeley, Debbie Vosburg, Maggy Schlink, and Claudia Piccarelli

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Jane DeShazo, Joan Griffith, Debbie Vosburg, and Donna Wald



Raffle ticket table - Kathy Sanchez, Pris Lovell, Marjie Masline, and Babs Spilka



Eileen Hearn and Peggy Wilson

Debbie Krzywicki and Sue Tunnacliffe

Trish and Steve Galluccio



In Loving Memory of Jim Stevens



Trish Galluccio and Linda Jo Block

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ORCA HOLIDAY FAIR

by - Kath Larson

Again, this year, the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair took place on a perfect autumn day in the Nature Pavilion. Many people attended and got a jump on their holiday shopping, purchasing amazing creations crafted by our very talented neighbors. The Fair was once again a big social event, too!

Vendor fees totaled just over \$500 and were given to the Ocean Ridge Charities Association. Each year ORCA gives these funds to the Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. BEMC matches these funds, so over \$1,000 will go to their Warm Homes, Warm Hearts charitable program to help those most in need during the winter.

Thank you to all the vendors, thank you to all who attended, and thank you to Mary Pat Lynch for organizing the event year after year!



ORCA END OF YEAR DONATIONS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

by - Kath Larson

Due to ORCA's Corporate Sponsor Program, the generosity of our Ocean Ridge neighbors, an Allstate Grant, the Memorial Fund and other contributions, ORCA donated an additional \$20,000 in the name of Ocean Ridge residents to the following Brunswick County Charities in December 2021:

- ⇒ Brunswick Family Assistance, Brunswick Community College Foundation, Carousel Center, Habitat, Hope Harbor, Literacy Council, Providence Home, Shallotte Lions, Toy Run and Waves4Kids.

A special **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers, event organizers and ORCA board members for all of the tireless work they put in to make all of this happen.

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THANK YOU FOR OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY SEASON EVER!

by Kath Larson

ORCA, along with the Social Activities Committee, was proud to sponsor the “Annual Kick off to the Holidays in Ocean Ridge!” The following events contributed towards these efforts: the Holiday Craft’s Fair, the Holiday Market Place, Luminaries, and the 6th annual Holiday Open House Tour. The proceeds of these events went to BEM-C’s Warm Homes, Warm Hearts program, which DOUBLED our contribution to Brunswick County residents!



That’s \$21,000 to assist in providing heat and electric to those in need.

The Luminaries sales and Holiday Open House tour tickets proceeds each raised approximately \$4000.

LUMINARIES: they helped make Ocean Ridge a magical place to be during the holidays.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE TOUR:

Thank you to the following Ocean Ridge residents who graciously opened their beautifully decorated homes to Ocean Ridge residents, and to Judy Cunningham, Joanne Bush and Rosemary Kilbridge for organizing the tour:

Wendy and Jerry Carney – 6589 Warwick Notch (off Dartmoor)

It’s a Wonderful Life

This holiday season, we’re thankful for the wonderful blessings in our life, especially our faith, our loving family and incredible friends. Although Christmas comes but once a year, the wonderful memories live on in our hearts long after.

We’re happy to share a peek into our special Christmas memories and some fun family traditions like our Twelve Days of Christmas sing-a-longs in NY, collecting annual White House ornaments during 28 years in the Washington DC area, and creating some wonderful new traditions here in Coastal Carolina.

A tour through our home begins with Wendy’s favorite holiday movie and a little Christmas village in homage to Jerry’s uncle who always created the best Holiday displays. Be sure to check out Precious Moments figurines (collected over 35 years), Swarovski crystal ornaments (annual gifts from Jerry’s Godchild Lily) and a collection of Santa’s displayed throughout the house.

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We are honored to share our home with you and hope you enjoyed your visit. Thank you for donating to Warm Homes, Warm Hearts and helping those in need. Merry Christmas to all!

Deb and Shawn DeVoe – 533 Avalon Place (off Castlebrook)

Contemporary Meets Traditional

Welcome to our home! We are new neighbors having moved into Ocean Ridge in May of this year from Baltimore, MD via Memphis, TN, Augusta, GA and Albany, NY. We (and our 12.5 year old Golden Retrievers Murphy and Tanner) look forward to meeting all of you when you visit. While the design of our home is contemporary our Christmas decor is very traditional. Just inside the front doors you will find Deb's Dickens Village. Deb's parents gifted us one piece each year after we were married and that tradition continued for more than 20 years. Next to our fireplace is another treasured collection that Shawn gifted to Deb. Our great room features a "floating" ceiling. Make sure to look up...it's snowing! We are thrilled to be living in Ocean Ridge and having the opportunity to help those less fortunate by participating this holiday home tour. Wishing you all happy holidays.

Margie and John Oehmke – 6632 Castlebrook Way

A Memory Around Every Corner

Our holiday home is festively dressed to highlight years of international living and travel adventures. There is a memory around every corner and we look forward to sharing some of them with you! The foyer tree holds ornaments that tell a story of Christmases celebrated far from home. As you tour, look for small collections of soy pots from Japan, peasant paintings from China, batik mini-jackets from Indonesia, nutcrackers from Germany and lots of blue and white. Intermingled and adorned for the season are antiques and family heirlooms including an Edo period hearth fixture, an Edison record player (ask for a listen if you're curious), and enough Dickens houses to make a village. Don't leave without sneaking a peek at Santa as he showers off from a day at the beach.

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Libby and Gavin Smith – 547 Wales Notch (off Lindgrove)

Dreaming of a White Christmas

Are you dreaming of a white Christmas too? Growing up in eastern North Carolina it was, and still is every kid's dream, wish, and prayer to get enough snow over the Christmas holidays to build a respectable snowman. So in lieu of that ever elusive real snowman, we have placed snowmen of all sizes and shapes throughout the house in hopes the snow gods will Let It Snow!

Our living room pays tribute to North Carolina's State bird, the Cardinal, and the live Western NC Fraser Fir Christmas tree is adorned with hand-blown glass Vietri ornaments and remembrance ornaments collected from our travels near and far. See if you can find the green sea turtle from Hawaii, the New Zealand Pohutukawa flower, or the golfer at Pebble Beach.

