

TRADITION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FALL & WINTER EDITION 2018 - 2019

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3:00 p.m. Resident's club house
(subject to change)**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Frank D'Amato

Hurricane Florence morphs into Flo ... and the days following the storm seemed to give us the biggest scare as Georgetown County braced for flooding. Residents in low areas wrestled with sandbags and plastic. Along Kings River Road, as the after-wrath of the rising Waccamaw River remained uncertain, some folks evacuated their homes and/or moved furniture to second floors or offsite to storage. While there were pockets of flooding nearby, our community escaped the worst. Thankfully, there was no major damage to Tradition homes.



On the heels of Florence, Tropical Storm Michael blew through quickly, with little bluster. Nevertheless, staying informed and taking preparatory precautions for a storm of *any* threatening size is always the best plan of action. Our thoughts and prayers continue for those in the Florida panhandle.

Months before Florence and flood warnings, the association contracted major drainage work to the western half of Tradition. The work was concentrated in the wetlands where drainage ditches funnel much of our storm runoff to the large ponds on Kings River Road.

Additional work is planned for the small pond at the back entrance. Several minor drainage issues with piping in nearby properties should be fixed about the time you read this article.

Charter
Spectrum

Spectrum

The Vote: A 75% quorum of property owners responded. "Yes" votes exceeded the 67% requirement in our bylaws. Following two months of negotiating improvements to the original contract, The Tradition board voted its approval to commence service on January 1, 2019. You may review the Spectrum Proposal online at www.Tradition29585.com. The home page displays a link to details.

The Process: Each property owner's name and address will be furnished to Spectrum, who then will provide to the board instructions as to what each resident must do with their current equipment prior to January 1. As soon as the Spectrum instructions are received by the BOD, you will be notified about how to proceed. **Please watch your email for the coming updates!**

Pool

As the colder weather moves in, the pool furniture will move into storage. The pool will remain accessible to hearty souls with polar bear instincts.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER continued

ARB and Covenants Guidelines

When a home/property is purchased in The Tradition, the new owner receives a booklet: the *Architectural Review Board and Covenants Guidelines*. Work has begun to re-view, update, and clarify the content of these documents in an effort to improve readability and understanding of our community's guidelines and rules (for example: our current pool rules refer to the use of "radios," which will be updated to reflect today's terminology, "digital media"). Additionally, changes may be suggested to maintain or enhance our property values in an ever-changing real estate market. Most Tradition homes sell quickly, even when selling prices increase dramatically, as they have in recent years. Yes, our beach access is an enviable amenity, but it is our community of owners who take pride in their properties and neighborhoods that makes The Tradition a highly sought-after address.



The original *Guidelines* were published in 2001, with subsequent Amendments in 2009, 2013, and 2014. Work on the update will take most of 2019 to complete.

Please note: All suggested changes to our ARB/Covenants Guidelines will be reviewed by our attorney and then, if required, voted on by all property owners.

Kuester Management

Our former property manager, Mitzi Carley has moved on from her job at Kuester. The Kuester office will be our contact point as they proceed to find a new manager for The Tradition.

Regime Fees (aka "Dues")

By early December, a letter from me will arrive in your mailbox detailing the 2019 Regime Fees, which will include the new Spectrum charge, as well as any increases to our Operating and Reserve Budgets. Owners of Rental properties: Monthly regime fees are charged to you, the property owner (not to your renter). You, the property owner, are responsible for payment of those fees to Kuester Management.

Communications

Property Owners, Residents, and Renters: Please make sure we have your current e-mail address so that the BOD can communicate with you.

To add or update your e-mail, contact a board member or Vince Franco (qualitykid@sc.rr.com).

When you receive an email from me via "quality kid," *please do not reply to Vince*. He cannot answer your questions. Your email or phone call must come to me: My contact info appears at the end of each e-blast, in this newsletter, online at Tradition29585.com and in the Tradition Neighborhood Directory.

BOD Monthly Meetings:

The BOD meeting schedule, monthly minutes and financial summary are available online at Tradition29585.com. Note: Minutes are not posted in the month they occur, because the BOD approves prior minutes at the next month's meeting (e.g. October minutes will be approved and posted in November).

If you see a problem in the community, please call any board member or myself. For association emergencies, you may call Alex Herndon, our buildings and grounds manager, at 843-241-3287. Please identify yourself.

Thanks.

Enjoy the cooler weather and coming holidays!

Frank D'Amato

Cell #843-446-6875



Litchfield Beach Sunset 9.7.18



COVENANTS

By Jeanette Renault

Keeping Tradition beautiful & property values high is your Covenants Committee's goal. Following are important points from the Covenants booklet.

- * Garage doors should remain closed except when garage is in use
- * Trash receptacles should be screened & not seen from street
- * After pick-up stow trash receptacles
- * Check your Covenants booklet regarding yard ornaments
- * Outdoor furniture only acceptable in the backyard
- * Keep mailboxes & posts cleaned and painted (Check booklet for color)
- * Maintain landscaping neatly & orderly
- * Clear storm drain of debris if by your curb
- * Remove rust & mildew stains
- * Carry a clean-up bag when walking your dog

Please take time to read through your Covenants booklet. Any questions or concerns, contact a Covenants Committee member.

Diane D'Attilo
Al Foderaro
Bill Renault
Phil Fleiss
Alan MacDonald

Bill Crimmins
Ken Dewell
Dave Philips
Jeanette Renault

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD

By Vince Civitarese

Hello to all

Fall is now here and it is beginning to cool down some. It sure has been a rough September and beginning of October. I hope everyone has come through the storms and floods with little to no damage. The stress level was sure up during all of the turmoil.

As some of you may already know Georgetown County has passed a new tree ordinance. This new ordinance may have some effect on us all. Although the ordinance does not include occupied residential lots, it does state that All GRAND trees [those over 30" in diameter] must be approved by Georgetown County before removal. I am not sure if we have any grand trees here but do keep that in mind.

If there are any questions please call any ARB member.
Vincent Civitarese
Chairman ARB



Mark your calendars and join us for the

Fourth Annual Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing Along

Come and Enjoy
Festive Food - **BYOB**

Friday, December 7, 2018
Tradition Pool House
5:30 PM



FREE

Sponsored by the Tradition
Property Owners Association



We need a count so we have enough supplies



Name _____ How Many _____

Please drop off in Newspaper Slot of
Debbie Moeller, 673 Tradition Club Drive
or send an email to fdmoeller@aol.com
by December 1st

[Print Flyer](#)

LITCHFIELD BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy MacSorely

Wind, rain, flooding, sandbags, and evacuation were the topic of conversation for much of September here in the low country.

While most of us fared fairly well as we avoided the dire flood warnings, the folks here at the LBF were anxiously waiting the fate of our palms and shrubs.

The excessive water and flooding has taken a toll on the corridor, with most of the losses occurring on the area north of Willbrook.

The row of viburnum bushes in the bed across from the Christian Science Church have all died and will be replaced.

Some of the pittosporum have been damaged but Waccamaw Landscaping is confident they will come back.



The two large pindo palms that died will be removed but South Carolina Department of Transportation guidelines will not allow these trees to be replaced with other palms.

All things considered, the damage could have been much worse. By springtime the corridor will be back in shape.

Veterans Day, November 11th will be the last flag day display for the year. This year, we have had enough sponsors to allow us to fly the flags for two days on Memorial Day weekend and all three days of Labor Day weekend.

For 2019 there are two days left to sponsor. If you would like more information on the Flag Project check out our website, LBF29585.com.

Many thanks to all our donors for your continued support in keeping the Litchfield corridor beautiful!

LITCHFIELD BY THE SEA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Bob Postiglione



To say we dodged the proverbial bullet during Hurricane season would be an understatement... Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those families who were not so lucky.

As we enter the Holiday Season, with its cooler weather, great football and less crowds, let's all be thankful for our many blessings and all that living at Litchfield by the Sea affords us. It's truly my favorite time in Pawleys Island!

Tom Leis, LBTS Chairman of the Security Committee reports that our TEM based security system, which has now been installed for over two years, continues to perform in the manner that we all expected. Other than occasional system glitches, the system is performing well.



Following an exhaustive financial review of our Reserve Study and Operating Budget by the newly formed Finance Committee, the Board at LBTS has finalized the 2019 Budget. As we mentioned at the Annual Meeting in June, the funding of LBTS infrastructure tops the list of our priorities.

Many of us take for granted the day to day operation and beauty of our slice of heaven called Litchfield by the Sea... Whether it be roads, landscaping, ponds, sidewalks, fountains, bulkheads, sewers, security, beach crossovers or our beach house and decks... Your Board and our Management Company, Waccamaw Management are working to keep LBTS among the top Beach Resort Communities.

All of this takes a financial commitment by us all. The LBTS Board is mindful of this and strives to find savings and efficiencies where we can without diminishing the WOW Factor that we've all come to expect. We also seek to protect the property values of all LBTS Owners through the maintenance of our amenities to the highest standards.

To fund our Operating Budget, Planned Capital Expenditures, and Reserves for 2019 there will be a 6% increase in monthly dues and the Board has called for a one-time Special Assessment in January equal to 10% of everyone's Annual Dues (\$122 for all Oceanside Communities and River Club and \$42 for all other residents.) To avoid future Special Assessments, the Board will be exploring other ways to raise revenues to maintain our infrastructure and healthy Reserves going forward.

Finally... Tradition Owners... We'd like your input. Let us know how you think we can make Litchfield by the Sea better for you... Direct your comments to Lisa Hergenrother @ Waccamaw Management via her email LisaH@waccamawmanagement.com.

The Litchfield by the Sea Board would like to wish you and yours a Wonderful and Blessed Holiday Season. Stay Safe.

For the Litchfield by the Sea Board of Directors
Bob Postiglione, Board President



HURRICANE FLORENCE

Hurricane Florence and Our Road Trip

By Sue Guzlas

What would you do if a Category 4 Hurricane is coming towards your home and the Governor orders a mandatory evacuation? Never mind a 4-hour trip to Savannah, let's take a 1,000-mile road trip north, Way North to the Windy City. At the time we thought it was a great idea. Of course, it is never that simple; there are dogs to consider; Not just one dog, but two because we happened to be dog sitting at the same time.

With Daffodil and Andy in the back seat on their beds, we start our trip. After 600 miles, with 4 or 5 stops (we lost count) getting dogs in and out of car to give them time to stretch, pee and whatever, we arrived at the LaQuinta in Lexington, KY.

The dogs were very confused at this point; they weren't exactly thrilled about being confined to a small room with unfamiliar noises of people and other dogs roaming the hallway just outside a closed door. But we all survived day one.



Day two: another 400 miles, same drill, in and out every couple of hours. (At this point it may be a little late, but what were we thinking?).

Finally, we arrive in Chicago at our Daughter's home. To our surprise we were greeted by her 79-pound dog, Sandy, who, by the way, had been kicked out of daycare for being aggressive. Oh boy! Once the territory boundaries were established and Daffodil succumbed to the fact she wasn't top dog, everything worked out fine. The three pups got along like they were always best buds.



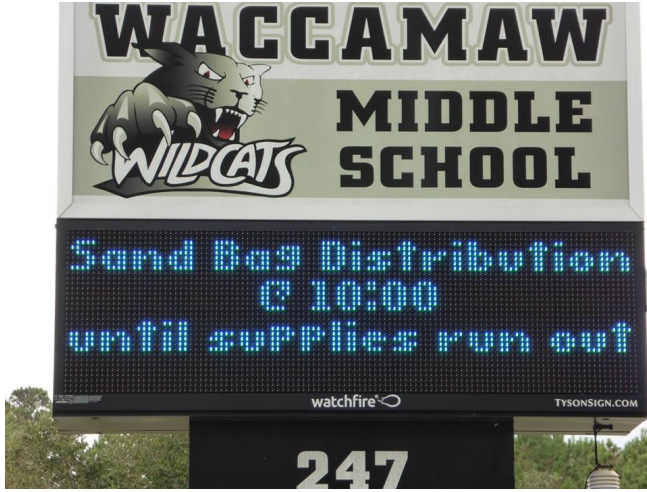
North Carolina took the brunt of Florence and lucky for us, Pawleys Island was spared so a few days later we got ready to drive back home. On the day we planned to leave, Dale started having severe chest pains. So instead we take a quick road trip to the emergency room at the Naperville Heart Hospital. Turns out Dale had 99% blockage in his right coronary artery and needed a stent. So, we ended up extending our trip a wee bit longer. Seven days later we finally left for home

All is back to normal and everyone is doing well. You may or may not believe in fate, but we believe that hurricane Florence (Nightingale) sent us on an evacuation road trip that actually saved Dale's life.

Perhaps, we should rethink road trips. Last January we took a road trip to Florida and found ourselves in a Red Cross shelter overnight (but that's a whole other story).

HURRICANE FLORENCE FLOOD PHOTOS

COURTESY OF MARK BAYER & RANDY LIPOSKY



HURRICANE FLORENCE, THE SAGA CONTINUES

By Celise McLaughlin



John Bartha– Dodging a Bullet

“When we first heard from our Councilman, John Thomas, about the possibility of a flood affecting the Kings River Rd area including the back gate streets of Tradition, we were obviously thankful for the warning so we could prepare for the worst. After reviewing the information and the maps we were provided and discussing the potential flooding event with a Water and River Specialist, there seemed to be three distinct analogies which could cause the Kings River Rd area to have a very low flooding history and hence be partly responsible for Tradition dodging the bullet.

Analogy #1 : Rivers tend to widen as water gets close to the mouth.

Analogy #2 : There were a number of old rice field areas which could handle a large amount of water without overflowing.

Analogy #3 : There are a number of Golf Courses on the west side of Kings River Rd which could also accept a large amount of water. (Aeration helps). “

John and I decided that we would revisit the Pacific Coast Highway again this year because we had done it 10 years ago and really enjoyed it then. Our plan was to fly out of Myrtle Beach on Sept 12, visit the kids and grandkids in Northern California, then drive down the coast and fly out of San Diego two weeks later.

Best laid plans. On 9/10 the governor issues a mandatory evacuation of all zones. What? Is the airport going to stay open, maybe not. The next day we drove to Atlanta to pick up our connecting flight because we did not want to take any chances. Had to get a hotel and park our car for two weeks, a little added expense.. But we put it out of our minds and went on vacation. As you know, the hurricane went north and our impact was minimal. Yay.

Our trip down the PCH was fun. We spent time in Carmel , ate at Clint Eastwood’s Mission Ranch and went to Hearst Castle. We stayed in Airbnb's and, for the most part, it was pretty successful. In Cambria we headed inland to Route 5. Once we passed the central coast wineries in the Paso Robles area, it became one of the most “boring” un-scenic rides ever. Miles and Miles of Nothing. But then we arrived in Temecula where we stayed in the cutest little



cottage on a farm amidst the grape vines. We even saw air balloons taking off right off our doorstep. It was so relaxing and the weather was perfect.

Our final stop was Encinitas where our Airbnb was actually in a gated community in a \$1.3 million dollar home. Lucky us. It was lovely.

All good things must end, and unfortunately for us, this trip ended abruptly. The day before we were to fly out we learned from neighbors that our home was going to be flooded with 5 to 10 feet of storm water making its way down from the Florence disaster. We rescheduled our flight and arrived in Atlanta that evening, got our car and drove the 6 hours back home by 3AM.

Our friends had already requisitioned sand bags and pulled up all the rugs off our floor. We spent the day emptying low cabinets and drawers and packing, then we moved in to the Guzlas’ on Sandfiddler for the next 5 days. Of course, there was zero impact and we moved back home and put everything back where it was. Well, most everything anyway.

We were thankful, yes, but the stress we went through before and after our “vacation” put a major damper on the trip. Like it never occurred. It is definitely not what I will remember most about September 2018. Maybe we should try it again in 10 years, but not during hurricane season.

Adventures in the Pacific Northwest

By Georgia McDowell



Also evacuating a day early, Don & I left out of Charleston on September 12th ahead of Hurricane Florence and flew to Seattle for a 16-day Pacific Northwest Adventure. We took the ferry over to Vancouver Island in British Columbia and stayed in beautiful Victoria for a few days, enjoying the sights and the famous Butchart Gardens. We then returned to Washington on the Ferry, visited Olympic National Park then drove south taking in the amazing Coastline into Oregon. We visited Portland, the Columbia River. Then we returned to Seattle to take in all that wonderful city offers. We make all our overnight arrangements through Airbnb's and had great weather.



Victoria British Columbia

The Amazing Oregon

Coastline



Seattle and Mount Rainier From the Space Needle



Mount Rainier

National Park



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



By Michele Herwig

Mexican Train "is back on track" We will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:50 pm in the Tradition pool house. Anyone interested in being added to the notification email should email @ michele@herwig.us

or call 410-608-2124

No experience necessary, just come and have fun.

Wednesday Women's Bridge

Our bridge group meets every Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Tradition Club House. We are a very congenial group who are friendly, love to play bridge, and accepting of any level of play. If you have not played for several years or play regularly, want relaxed play and to meet your neighbors, join us! Please call Karen Vander Schaaf 843 237-8150 or Mary Grace Robic 843 237-8745.

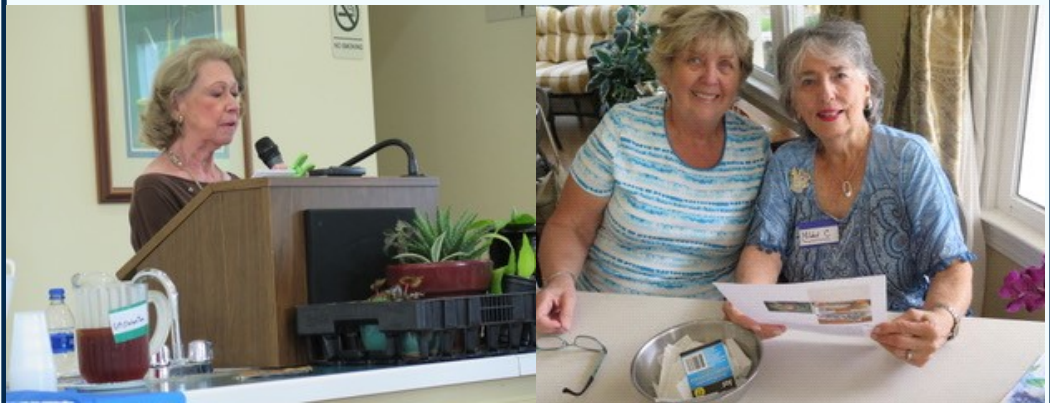
The official launching of the *new and improved Tradition Home and Garden Club* kicked off October 9 in the pool club house with over 45 members present. The highlight of the gathering was a talk by Debbie Menchek, Sun News columnist and Master Gardener. Debbie began by alerting members to the effects of the earth's warmer temperature on all vegetation in the Low Country. In 1960, this area was zoned 8B, now zoned 8A. Members were advised to pay attention to zoning when buying plants and shrubs.



Although Debbie arrived with a prepared speech, once members began asking questions, she quickly changed her format to answer all inquiries. As a result, we learned the best mulch to use (cypress or cedar), when to cut blooms off hydrangea, when to prune azaleas, when to add mulch, how to deal with mold, and how to monitor soil health and temperature. In addition, Debbie provided us with a contact at Clemson University who will respond to our individual/specific questions and concerns.

Before departing, Debbie gave away 4 vibrant, thriving, unusual plants from her own garden. Winners were Mildred Culpepper, Nori Thompson, Ann English and Mary Graef.

President Pat Crimmins then held a short meeting in which the board members were introduced, upcoming events were discussed, and information on November's meeting provided. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact Darlene Dodson or Mildred Culpepper.



THE TRADITION HOME AND GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10:00 AM IN THE POOL HOUSE

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 13.

HAND, FOOT & ELBOW

By Darlene Dodson

We will be playing on Mondays at the Pool House. 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays at 1:00 pm 2nd & 4th Mondays at 6:00 pm It takes about 3 to 3 1/2 hours to play the entire game. If you have questions on the game or would like to play please contact Janette Mitchell at jcmith1314@aol.com or Darlene Dodson at smile4me@sc.rr.com.



SPRING GARAGE SALE

I want to thank everyone who helped make our Tradition Community Garage Sale a very successful one this year. First and foremost - our sellers! Without you there would be no garage sale. We had 35 homes participating! We had plenty of shoppers based on all the cars that came through the neighborhood. And the weather was terrific!

A special shout out to the following:

- Darlene Dodson for putting the early signs out;
- Susan Akers, Pat Lewis and Mary Lou Goodell for flyer handouts;
- Monique Phillips for the social network advertising
- Francis Moeller for help with signs and balloons;
- Vince Franco for help with the sign up form and all the reminders! Thanks again! - Debbie Moeller



SUNDAY GOLF

For close to 20 years now, or more, on Sundays we have been playing 9 holes of golf and usually starting about 1:00. Each month is headed up by 2 players who get the tee times, send out the e-mails and do the pairings, and the game we play. The best part is they select the restaurant where we dine afterwards. Sounds like a great way to get some exercise, enjoy the seasonal weather and meet your neighbors. Open to singles and couples!

For more information e-mail Darlene Dodson @ smile4me@sc.rr.com or call: 843-235-8066



Sunday Golf 2006

MARKET WATCH

By CJ Brockington

The Tradition property values seem to be rebounding at a faster rate than most neighborhoods! 16 closings in 9 months- pretty good considering September was almost a "washout"! With the exception of one home, all others are above the \$300,000 level and a few even passed the \$400,000 mark. It sure makes me feel good, as I am sure it does everybody!

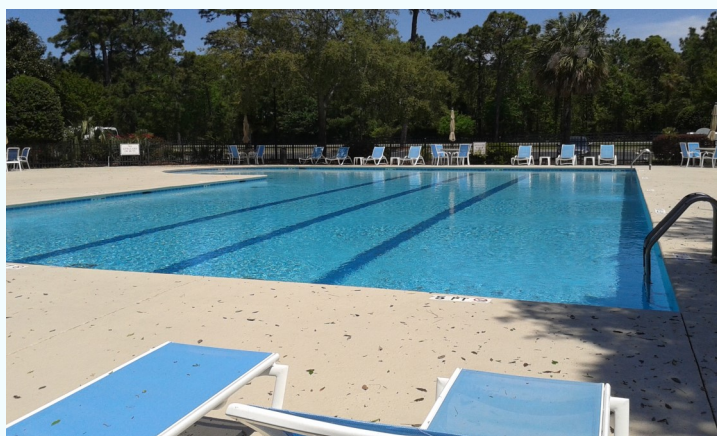
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Tradition Needlework Group

Come Join Us at 10:00 am
every Friday at the Residents' Clubhouse

Bring that piece of needlework that you just can't seem to find time to work on – and enjoy some friendly conversation while you're sewing.

For further details contact Loretta Espey 843-235-2518



WATER AEROBICS

by Pat Shriver

What a great year! Lots of new faces and Dee, as always, kept us on our toes with her unending exercises.

We were interrupted by "Florence" and then "Michael" but it did not deter our spirits. With such warm weather in September we changed our start time to 9:30 so we would have some sun on the pool.

Special kudos go to Pat Best, Mary Ellen Campbell, Nancy Hawkins, Brenda Muscovich, Sherry Robey, and Vicky Wythe who were determined to outlast Dee. BUT we finally had to call it quits on October 17.

We are all looking forward to a great 2019.



By Monique Philips

First of all, I want to thank Claudia Krauth for ALL her hard work she has done over the years for "meals on wheels" for Tradition! It's a wonderful job and Claudia was AWESOME....thank you!

Gloria Starrick has graciously offered to take over her responsibility. As you may know, Gloria is on a 3 month cruise (her favorite past-time) and with that, we are looking for a helper who can be her backup and give her a hand with coordination of meals when she may be out exploring foreign lands.

Any Tradition resident who may be available to help Gloria out, please send her an email and she will be in touch after the Holidays. gdcruise@aol.com.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Claudia at 843-237-7544 and she will be happy to give you the information you need. Thank you!

CO-ED CANASTA—By Jeanette Renault

Co-Ed Canasta continues to be enjoyed by both men & women. We play the 1st & 3rd Mondays & 2nd and 4th Fridays. If there is a 5th Friday in the month, we do lunch and then play.

Golfers, on a rainy day or if you have an ache or pain, come spend an afternoon with us. Canasta is a friendly game, competitive but in a congenial way.

To get on our reminder list, jeanetterenault@sc.rr.com. Don't be concerned if you are new to the game or haven't played in a long while. With minimum coaching you will be up and running in now time. Please join us. Welcome!



Theresa Loonan, Barbara Fuller, Diane MacDonald, Pat Shriver, Dot Ellison, Mary Ann McMillen, Diane Jones, Vicky Wythe, Pat Cocuzza



FROM THE EDITOR



The end of October Mary Ellen Campbell and I rented a booth at the annual Precious Blood Arts and Crafts Festival. What a wonderful event. There were over 60 vendors inside and out, a silent auction, baked goods and they also cooked breakfast and lunch. There was at least an equal number of helpers from the Women's Club. Precious Blood Catholic Church was celebrating 30 years. Starting out as a garage and a handful of members, the parish has grown over 1000 strong.

We saw so many of our friends and neighbors from Tradition coming out to support the craft festival both on a rainy Friday and cold windy Saturday. Sales were great too. Kudos to Debbie Clatterbuck and Joanne Gagliano who chaired the event and to all the Tradition women who worked to make this another successful year.

Volunteers are a Tradition at Tradition

By Walt Murren



I found this sign "Private property keep out" while cleaning out my garage. It originally hung on a rope across the entry to the sewerage pumping station at the back exit to the Tradition.

It did nothing to hide the messy condition of this area that was visible from the road leading to our lovely community.

In 2002 a group of volunteers from the Building and Grounds Committee decided we needed a fence across the entrance to the pumping station.

We contacted the Georgetown Water and Sewer District and received permission to put a fence across the entrance but it had to be 16 feet wide. We could not find a fence company willing to build one that wide so we took it upon ourselves to build and install the fence that covers the entrance to the pumping station.



We also about this time installed green strips in the fence at the other pumping station to make it less intrusive. The Tradition POA funded all the materials but all the hard work was a labor of love. It is hard to believe that all this was done 16 years ago and is still in good shape and surviving. Our committee did many projects to help improve our community in the early days. As today, we all take great pride in keeping our neighborhood in excellent condition.

A Night to Remember By John Bartha

Thanks to the work of our amazing volunteers squad, the Summer Social on June 16th was a rousing success. The Volunteer Appreciation event at the club house and pool area recognized all the residents who make our neighborhood the best. The following day we heard many wonderful comments about how great the party was all over the south strand!

Kudos to Debbie Moeller and all her helpers.



GOLD TEES BY JERRY MITHEN



The Tradition Gold Tee Golf Association is composed of 96 great guys many who play nine holes of golf from the gold tees on Wednesday afternoons. Our motto is "Fun, Fellowship, Friends". We have many social functions during the year. Our member/chefs cook up some delicious meals. Our annual tournaments include a Chili Bowl in a Member/Spouse/Partner Tournament our Annual Championship Tournament.

See our web site <http://tradition29585.com/goldtees.htm>

Contact Vince Franco, President, at qualitykid@sc.rr.com if you are interested.

April Spaghetti Dinner

The Gold Tees held a dinner after golf for all members at the Tradition Club House. Chef Debbie and Carla prepared a dinner of shrimp cocktail, spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls and drinks. Members celebrated friendship and a good time.

May Dinner at the Pool House

The Gold Tees held a member dinner and the cooks prepared sausages and peppers, sauerkraut, macaroni salad and dessert. Members played bean bag toss teams for entertainment after dinner.

July Steak Sandwiches at the Pool House

Gold Tee members had a steak sandwich and mac and cheese dinner after golf at the pool house.

October Member/Spouse/Partner/Stag Dinner

The Gold Tee Member Spouse Game for Oct. 10th was rained-out and the banquet dinner was served in the newly renovated clubhouse. Hog heaven catered the event with fried chicken, pulled pork, beans, rolls and dessert.



Members of the Gold Tees celebrated Henry Woltman's 76th Birthday with a round of applause and a beautiful cake.

Vince Franco Hole in One

On May 2nd. during the Gold Tee weekly game, Vince had a Hole in One on Tradition # 12. The hole is a 131 yard par 3 from the Gold Tee. Vince hit a 21 degree hybrid club using a Titleist Pro V 1 ball into the hole. His team mates, Dale Guzlas, Tom Strasser, and Paul Lempert witnessed the grand event. After play in the club house, all 56 Gold Tee members gave him a round of applause and signed a Tradition hole marker flag in memory of the event.





Photos



TRADITION GOLF CLUB BY **Christa Bodensteiner** PGA Regional Operations Manager



Hello Everyone,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome to Tradition Golf Club. It is obvious that this is an active, fun community with a lot of neighborhood pride. I have only been here since February, but I can already tell you that I am happy to be part of the good things that are happening around here.

Hopefully all of you have noticed the improvements that we have made to Tradition Golf Club this summer. We are very fortunate that our ownership reinvests in their properties and I feel like we have made some wonderful improvements on an already great golf course and facility.

The biggest project was the replacement of the grass on our greens in July. We put in "Sunday Bermuda" which is a superior putting surface that will be better and healthier throughout all four seasons of the year. (We are hopeful that we will not have a winter like last year, but just in case we have ordered covers for our greens. We hope to never need the covers, but we will be prepared to protect our grass investment if the need arises.)

This summer we also took advantage of our time closed to do some much-needed upkeep and upgrades to the facility. You will notice a fresh coat of paint and many other improvements in the Grill & Clubhouse and in our on-course restrooms. We had a contractor repair the wood and paint the exterior of the Clubhouse and Cart Barn. We even got new golf carts, so every golfer's visit should be a fresh, new experience.

Speaking of "new", we have added many new golf members at Tradition Club. In 2017 there were 73 members and today we have 101 members. I am very excited about that number and hope to grow it even more in 2019. Thank you to those who joined recently and to the many members who have supported this club for years. It is fun to report that the golf membership at Tradition is alive and well!

If any of you have any membership or other questions, please reach out any time. I would enjoy meeting you, but I do still spend time at Litchfield Country Club, River Club, Willbrook Plantation, and Founders Golf Club, so you might want to call before stopping by.

Our First Assistant / Assistant Manager, Kurtis Kuhn, is also a great resource if there is anything we can assist with.

Best wishes to all,

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LADIES NINE HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

By Jeanette Renault

OBJECTIVES: The Ladies Nine Hole League is organized for weekly play of golf. The object of the organization is to improve an individual's game of golf while observing the rules and etiquette of golf and promoting good sportsmanship.

QUARTERLY BIRTHDAY BREAKFASTS -Birthday Breakfasts are an important event for the Ladies Nine, and we celebrate every three months at True Blue.



The 5/8/18 Birthday Breakfast honoring April, May & June was special for Dot Ellison – 5/8/18 was her special day.



On the 10/16 /18 Birthday Breakfast Fourteen members were honored for birthdays in October, November and December. Pictured here are Pat McCarthy & Elaine Little.

June 4 was an Inter-club event at River Club.

Mildred Culpepper won two honors. Her drive that was closest to the line and her foursome won 1st place. Both prizes were identical – small handbags!



Bev Jackson, Linda Mitchell & Kathy Lenoue

GAME DAYS

5/15/18 was Game Day and Sue Guzlas gave us a Full Scramble Event. 1st Place: Ann MacDonald, Sue Guzlas, Mary Lou Goodell, Blind. 2nd Place: Beverly Hurd, Jeanette Renault, Pat McCarthy, Ann Carline

10/16/18 Halloween Game Day. 1st place Bev Jackson, Kathy Lenoue, Janice Hayes, Linda Mitchell, 2nd place, Pat McCarthy, Jan Jennings, Elaine Little, Ellen Spataro, The first & second places were awarded cash; last place picked first from the candy pumpkin.

October 23 was the Interclub at Indigo Creek

A Continental Breakfast was served by Indigo Creek Ladies. Golf followed with Tradition Ladies making an outstanding showing: 1st Place Team: Dee Ely, 2nd Place Bev Jackson, 3rd Place Linda Mitchell, Closes to the line: Linda Mitchell Prizes were beautiful bead stroke counters. Lunch was Waldorf Salad with grilled chicken & vegetable soup, mini pies for dessert.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome two new members: Jan Jennings & Cindy Kramer.

Time now to join or re-join.

Next event: 12/6/18, Christmas Lunch & installation of new officers.

TRADITION LADIES GOLF LEAGUE BY SUZANNE STRASSER

TLGA Member guest 2018

The Tradition Ladies Golf Association held their International Member Guest tournament on 5/9 and 5/10. The first night was a party with word scramble and card games. On 5/10 they played a two person team low gross & low net event.

The winners were: 1st low gross Maureen Lempert & Cecelia Barksdale Purvis (77), 2nd low gross Daune Barksdale & Donna Scott (81), 1st low net Bev Jackson & Karen Hartman (53), 2nd low net Carolyn Mims & Martha Smith (54), 3rd low net Bernadette Wright & Fran Kelly (58), 4th low net Donna Culver & Sue Guzlas (58moc).

Closest to the pin prizes were awarded to: hole # 2 Leesa Ruscio /Maureen Lempert , hole # 5 Cecelia Barksdale Purvis /Joan Sheldon, hole #12 Adrienne Molloy/Penny Pikaart, hole # 15 Eileen Dillon/Donna Culver. The ladies had great weather, good competition and a fun day.



2018 TLGA MEMBER/MEMBER TOURNAMENT



June 21, 2018 CAPTAINS' CHOICE TWO PERSON TEAM EVENT

First Place Team: Maureen Lempert & Pat D'Amato (29)
 Second Place Team: Joan Sheldon & Bernadette Wright (31)
 Third Place Team: Carolyn Pacella & Penny Pikaart (32)
 Fourth Place Team: Amy Monaghan & Donna Culver (33)
 Fifth Place Team: Sally Russell & Pat Kemper (35)
Closest to the Pin
 #2: Maureen Lempert#5: Pat D'Amato
Natural Birdie Pat D'Amato, #6



The Tradition Golfers played the July 4th scramble tournament at Litchfield Golf Course. The TLGA players were winners: flight A 1st Jim & Debbie Massie/Paul & Maureen Lempert(59.5), 3rd Ed & Joan Sheldon/Mark & Dena Shea (60.5), Flight B 1st Dick & Carolyn Pacella/Joe & Rebecca Stacey(56), 3rd Craig & Amy Monaghan/Jim & Sandy Pearson (59), Flight C 1st Dan & MaryLou Goodell/ Jim & Bev Jackson (58.5).2nd Vinnie & Skippy Esposito/Dick & Donna Culver (59.5), 3rd Ron & Pat Kemper/Roy & Kathy MacSorley (35.75) Closest to the pin winners were as follows: hole #4 Debbie Massie, hole #7 Rebecca Stacey, hole #12 Joan Sheldon, hole # 17 Amy Monaghan.

TRADITION LADIES GOLF LEAGUE (CONTINUED)



Memorial Day Tournament on 5/27. The game was a flighted 4 person scramble with 80 players. Great wins ladies & friends. The winners were; flight A 1st Ed & Joan Sheldon/Mark & Dena Shea(56) , 2nd Frank & Pat D'Amato/Paul & Maureen Lempert (58), 3rd Dan Ingram & Robyn Heath/ Mike Syzhowski & Cindy Greenwald (59), flight B 1st Craig & Amy Monaghan/Harry & Joanne Stewart (57.5), Caufield 30.25 moc). The closest to the pin winners were: hole #2 Peggy Boden, hole #5 Joan Sheldon, hole #15 Peggy Boden. As you can see from the scores it was a close competition, good weather and a fun day with friends and neighbors.

Labor Day scramble tournament on 9/2. Our ladies like to play in community events with friends and neighbors. They represented themselves well as you can see: 1st place flight A Paul & Maureen Lempert/ Frank & Pat D'Amato (53), flight B Dick & Carolyn Pacella/Joe & Rebecca Stacey (53). 2nd place flight A Mark & Dena Shea /Ed & Joan Sheldon (56.5). nine hole flight B Marylou & Dan Goodell/Bev & Jim Jackson (55), flight c Craig & Amy Monaghan/Dennis Murphy, Suzanne Strasser (57.5), flight B Daune & Larry Barksdale/Jan & Bill Mitchell (55.5), nine hole flight Pat & Ron Kemper/Mildred & Marion Culpepper 1.25) Closest to the pin winners #2 Daune Barksdale #5 Maureen Lempert, #12 Amy Monaghan It was a great day and a fun competition



President's Cup

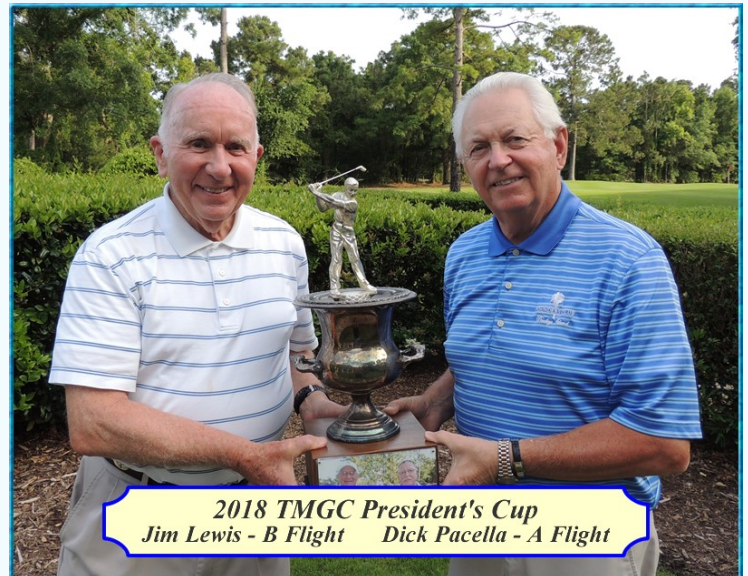
On 10/18 the Tradition Ladies 18 hole League played our President's Cup tournament. This was a very close individual event with winners having the best low net score. The 1st place winner was: Sally Russell (64), 2nd Mary Lou Goodell (65), 3rd Janet Ransom (68), 4th Penny Pikaart (69), Pat Kemper (70). This was a fun competition. The closest to the pin winners were; #2 Penny Pikarrt, #5 Carolyn Mims, #12 Cindy Greenwald and #15 Judy Gambeski.

TLGA played Pumpkin Golf on 10/25. Best score Joan Sheldon (77) and only chip in Bernadette Wright hole #9. Happy Halloween.



THE MEN'S CLUB BY BILL RENAULT

May is a favorite month, warm weather, green grass, baseball and good golf. Part of May's appeal is "The President's Cup" one of the Tradition Men's Club coveted tournaments. 2018 was no exception. Using a format of two rounds of net scores, the tournament had A & B flights. The A flight saw Dick Pacella take honors with a two-round total of 134. John Graham was second with 137 in a match of cards over Tom Strasser. Eric Muller followed at 138 also in a MOC over John Cavanaugh. B Flight had Jim Lewis on top at 140 followed by Rudy Schwarz at 144 in MOC over Gary Clifford and Glen Campbell.



*2018 TMGC President's Cup
Jim Lewis - B Flight Dick Pacella - A Flight*

Dick Pacella was hot in May and even hotter in July's "Member/Member" tournament when teamed up with Tim Mandroc. With their home course closed while new greens were being put in, Willbrook became the scene for the Pacella/ Mandroc team to shine. An alternate shot format was used on the front nine and a two-man Scramble on the second. A formula using full handicaps was used to equalize the field. Pacella & Mandroc worked well together finishing two rounds with a score of 124.50. Roger Byrne and John Graham had 128.75, Bob Fulton and Paul Lempert were third at 131 and Dan Ingram and Harry Stewart finished at 131.75.



The six-week delay to replace the greens was well worth the wait. The Tradition Men's Club **2018 Member Guest Tournament** (August 17-18) was played under pristine conditions. 48 players competed for the coveted championship. Guests came from Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, and Virginia. 4 Father/Son, 1 Father/Son In-Law. and 2 cousins added to the fun.

The format for the Member/Guest was match play (four 9-hole matches) net better ball of the team. Six Flights based on 80% of handicap index competed. This year, the flight winners were Brian Kramer, & Jeff Schilling, Dick & Joe Culver, Paul Hayes & Anthony DeAngelo, Tim & Jason Mandroc, Rudi Schwarz & Dennis Murphy, Dave Declat & Mike Turner. Following play, the winning six teams had a "Shoot Out" to determine the overall winner. Holes #13 & #18 were used.

Unlike last year, the Shootout ended on the first hole when Tim Mandroc's son, Jason, following a 220-yard drive down the middle, sealed the win with a 160 yard 7 iron to within 3 feet of the pin. Over 100 spectators, family and friends enjoyed the golf and weather and rooted for their favorites.



*2018 Member Guest
Jason and Tim Mandroc*

THE MEN'S CLUB (CONTINUED)

Thanks to hurricane Florence, the 2018 **Tradition Men's Club Championship** took three weeks to complete. Round One was pre-Florence and round two post-Florence, but it was worth the wait. Past champions Neal McKelligan and Eric Muller showed why they were champions with McKelligan finishing the two rounds with a gross 149 and Muller with 150. The first week's leader Roger Byrne was at 155 as was John Cavanaugh. The "Net" winner was Dan Ingram at 135 followed by Dave Philips at 138 and Dick Pacella at 139. Three players finished at 140 with Marion Culpepper beating Paul Hayes and Bob Caulfield on a MOC.



HOLE IN ONE

Dick Pacella while playing in the Tradition Men's Member/Member Tournament recorded his third career hole in one. It happened on July 16th at the Litchfield CC while his home club "Tradition" was closed for the installation of new greens. Dick's "Ace" was on hole # 17 an uphill par 3 playing at 135 yards.

Bob Fulton had his career hole in one on Tradition hole # 2 which played at 145 yards. Bob used his 7 wood and watched as his ball hit just short of the green, roll on, turn slightly right and drop in. Sharing this event were playing partners Dave Delect, Frank Hawkins and Ron Eaglin.

A new late season tournament this year was the "**White & Blue**". This is a two round flighted event with half of the holes played from the white tees and half from the blue. Craig Monaghan won the A Flight with a two round net score of 131. Eric Muller was second at 133, Ron Mokrynka third at 135 and Tim Mandroc at 137. The B Flight was dominated by Joe Stacey at 128. Charlie Cocores finished second at 137, Al Britsch was at 140 and Glen Campbell at 141.



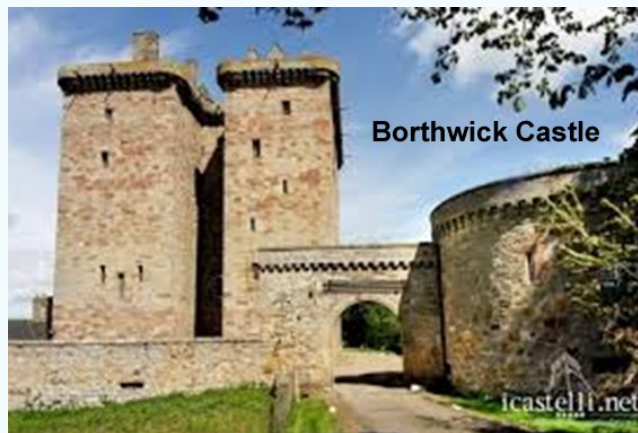
Annual Meeting November 12

Christmas Party December 11

Wedding in Scotland

by Dot & Vince Franco

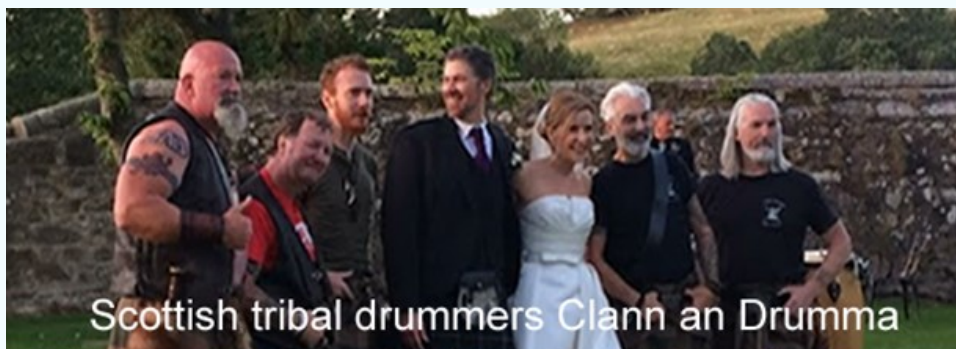
On August 8th, our son, Paul married Jill McNally in Borthwick Castle just outside of Edinburgh, Scotland. They decided to get married in Scotland because Jill was born and raised there, and her family lives near Edinburgh.



Weddings at Borthwick are held in the Garrison, which is the top level of the castle; five flights, at least twenty feet between floors. No elevator, just a narrow spiral staircase. They had rented the castle for 24 hours. Rumors are the castle is haunted by Mary Queen of Scots. She lived at Borthwick a short time hiding from Scottish noblemen. The wedding day was bright and sunny. Jill walked down the aisle with her father accompanied to the sound of bagpipes. Her little niece led the procession carrying the rings on a pillow. Jill held a bouquet of flowers native to Scotland which, of course, included heather and thistle. There were eighty guests. Most of the men, both Scottish and those from the states, wore kilts.



The ceremony began with the reading of the names of family and friends who had died but were with us in spirit. After Paul and Jill exchanged vows, they performed traditions such as lighting a candle and drinking their first toast. Another tradition was "handfasting", where the couple holds hands and a ribbon of the family tartan is tied around their hands for a moment. This is the origin of the saying, "tie the knot". Later we went down to the Great Room for a memorable dinner, which of course, started off with a bit of haggis. After dinner, we went outside for coffee, tea and to dance to the sound of Scottish Tribal Drummers.



Wedding in Scotland (Continued)



As the sun went down, everyone gathered in the Great Room for music and dancing. The band started off with about five different Scottish dances which looked like a combination of line dancing in a circle and square dancing. We decided to sit out and watch. After they played more familiar popular music, everyone joined in the dancing. Then the cake was brought out with lots of fanfare. Loosely wrapped around the cake was a ribbon of the family tartan. Paul and Jill carefully sliced the cake with a sword. The bride and groom figurine at the base of the cake was the same cake topper that was on our wedding cake more than 57 years ago. We didn't realize this until Paul mentioned it to us.



The big day was coming to an end and most of the guests were leaving. However, we stayed overnight in the castle, which had ten bed chambers. Some wandered around hoping to find a ghost, but to no avail. In the morning we were served breakfast in the Great Room. That evening we attended the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. It started off with a delicious dinner at the Jacobite Room, located in the castle. The Tattoo was an evening to remember. It was a great show with many bagpipes, bands, fireworks, and international performances.



The next day, Paul and Jill left for a short honeymoon in Paris. We stayed in Edinburgh for a few days to explore the city. Every August, Edinburgh is host to a very large international music festival and street Performers pop up everywhere. The whole experience was one we will never forget.

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) The #1 Killer

By J. Vance Vandergriff M.D.

Greetings Tradition readers.

Today I want to discuss the number one cause of death in the world. Cardiovascular Disease. CVD causes 30% of all mortality in the world. It consists of heart attacks, stroke, blood clots, heart failure, and many other disorders of blood vessels. 90% of CVD deaths can be prevented.

Some of the risk factors for CVD include family history, age, sex, tobacco use, sedentary lifestyle, and high fat diet. Routine screening for CVD with yearly ECGs in low risk patients have not been effective. In 2013, the American Heart Association (AHA) and American College of Cardiology (ACC) created cardiovascular prevention guidelines to help assess the risk for a cardiovascular event.

These guidelines include lifestyle modifications to reduce the risk of CVD, recommendations to management of high cholesterol, and management of increased body weight. These organizations developed a risk calculator to estimate the 10-year risk for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD). Information used in the calculation includes age, race, sex, total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, blood pressure, presence of hypertension, diabetes status, and tobacco usage. You can calculate your own risk at www.cvriskcalculator.com.

AHA/ACC recommends moderate to high dose statin use in any patient with an ASCVD risk of 7.5% or greater. "Statins" is a class of drugs that lowers the level of cholesterol in the blood by reducing the production of cholesterol by the liver. If ASCVD risk is greater than 10%, the addition of low dose aspirin 81mg is also indicated. This calculator is only accurate for ages 40-79. There is some debate whether statin therapy in patients over age 79 is beneficial.



Please note that lifestyle modification is just as important as statin therapy in high risk groups. Controlling blood pressure, improving cholesterol, and stopping smoking will all lower ASCVD risk. It is important to calculate your risk even if you have a low or normal cholesterol level. I have found many patients with normal lipid panels to have very high risk, and I have found patients with high cholesterol to have very low risk.

These high-risk patients would benefit from a statin, and the low risk patients can avoid starting statin therapy. This is the main point I want to hammer home. Know what your ASCVD risk is, and discuss with your primary care provider if a statin would benefit you. As always, following a healthy lifestyle with low fat diet and regular exercise remains important. If you are looking for a primary care provider, feel free to contact my office in Carolina Forest at 843-945-3030. Thank you all and I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

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