

## What a Month for News!!!!

Smith Family Newsletter  
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We started off the month celebrating my Bob's birthday!! It was on a Sunday this year and it happened that Lakeside scheduled an "Endless Brunch Buffet" that day, which we felt was perfect for the occasion. A local business, *Ocean Forest Bistro*, catered the brunch at Lakeside for \$15.00 per person. It was excellent and we enjoyed it very much.

The Friday before, we attended the Coffee & Donut morning organized by Nancy, our Activity Director. The planned presentation this month as we enjoyed the refreshments was a local Line Dancing Group that not only demonstrated how to line dance, but got members to join them on the dance floor. I was able to catch our neighbor, Trish, looking very expert. Bob & I don't dance and I have a little problem keeping the left and right movements straight...sooo forget this for us!

Food, food, food.....and more food! The Monday after the brunch, our lovely neighbors, Doris & Charles, organized a get together of fellow Residents from the state of Maryland. The *Noisy Oyster* in Myrtle Beach is the destination where the Oysters are prepared just the way they like them. They are prepared with a specific recipe and dumped on the tables, where customers are equipped with instruments to "smash" them open and pick out the meat. The Restaurant is closed for regular business on these days with just the Maryland group being served, so you know there is a decent size group. Bob & I opted for shrimp and oysters, not feeling too adventurous. The picture above is of Doris giving a demo on how to eat these critters. During the same week, Bob & I attended a financial presentation given by Allstate, participated in Trivia night again, had the exterior of our house power washed and shrubs trimmed by 'Billy', and attended the Health Fair in the community, where flu shots were given by CVS Pharmacy. How convenient is that?

Miss Minnie and Whiskers met their new doctor at the "Cat's Meow", which serves cats only, as the name implies. This place is so neat!! They take care of some abandoned cats as well, who have free run of the office area soaking up all the attention customers care to offer. They offer boarding opportunities with what I would call luxury quarters. This vet volunteered information on treatment that was both informative and economical. I was impressed. Above is a picture of a couple of permanent residents lounging in the waiting area.

Then we enjoyed a wonderful week with the Marciano's, the first overnight guests in our brand new home. This was the first get together in quite a while. They date back to our 'Gold Wing Days'. While they were here, some of our HR 400 family were in town also, so what started out being a few couples turned into about sixteen people. We met at 'Longbeards' a popular local eatery near us. It almost seemed like a 400 mini rally. Sometimes the best



things are spontaneous. I am the one glowing in the sun but you all know what I look like anyway, right? John & Barbara actually left a day early thanks to "Sandy"!! We are thankful that SC was spared her 'Wrath'. That being said, we also have offered our prayers to those who were in her path. Our granddaughter, Lana was in her path among others and is still not back in her apartment. She is thankful that she has an apt still there to go back to.

We ended the month with a Carolina Forest High School Show Choirs Concert. Fabulous as always. We had intended John & Barbara to attend, but again, "Sandy".