

## Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

I hope everyone had a fun St. Patrick's Day! We did!! Since this highlight was in the middle of the month, I will have to back up somewhat as that was not the only happening here in Myrtle Beach during March.

Some of the other events included the establishment of a New York Group here at Lakeside, which had the initial meeting on the 15th. NY was just a little slower in getting a group started. There is already a PA, New England, and NJ group. It looks like it is going to be a fairly good sized group too. Next month a wine and cheese gathering is planned. Off to a good start we are! Then we attended a technical seminar on the 11th of March, conducted by Michael Jesnick, a local business man. He provided information to interested residents on the latest and greatest technological advances in the Web, Hi Definition TV, Blue Ray, etc. Bob was impressed with his presentation, which is saying something. Then, of course I have been continuing with the *monthly photo group* and my *T'ai Chi Chih groups*. Earlier in the month, Bob & I drove down to Georgetown which is South of Myrtle Beach. We walked the boardwalk and soaked in some of the local history. This area has a history in industry. In earlier times indigo was manufactured, then rice, and then lumber was big. In the 1930's, a paper mill was built and became the largest in the world. Finally a steel mill was built and both of these are still in operation. Three rivers converge here, along with the inter-coastal waterway, which was essential to its success.

Then at the end of the month, our dear friends, John & Barbara Marciano arrived for a visit. The weather was not particularly friendly that first week, but we did not let that stop us. We took them to see a performance at the Carolina Forest High School on *Patsy Cline*. Bob & I had been to an earlier performance in the month, which featured the Broadway Show, *Ragtime*. This was John & Barbara's first experience with these shows. Needless to say both shows were outstanding. Then, Barbara & I were invited to a *High Tea* by Doris Daughaday with the Maryland Group. Well, thank goodness I had Barbara with me....as I had no idea of what a high tea was! To me tea is tea, so what is the big deal! I am just a country girl! Barbara, on the other hand attends High Teas. We had a great time, I was educated, and the food was great! Then, it was purely coincidental that John & Barbara's granddaughter was also in town at the same time. She was here with other Cheer Leaders for a Nationwide competition held at the Convention Center on the 29th. Not only did we get to see her and watch her perform, but her group won first place in their section of the competition.

Their visit with us went into April, which will be in the next newsletter. As some of you may know, John had a minor stroke before leaving. The word *minor* is misleading in this context, but the bottom line is that he is doing well in recovery with only slight implications. A real scare nevertheless. The next newsletter will continue with their visit.



Some pictures above include Jim Gillan, with his bag pipes at the St. Patrick's Day Gathering. Then there is Barry Wiener hosting the New York Club meeting. The photo group picture is next with Frank Chesla giving instruction on "flash distance". The photo with the cast on stage is of the Carolina Forest High School production of *Ragtime*. Below that is Georgetown Harbor. The High Tea is next with a picture of our table. Margo Schwam, who did all the food preparations for the Tea, is standing next to Doris. Finally we have Barbara Marciano preparing dinner for us in their 5th Wheel at Briarcliffe.

