

Encore

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A LETTER FROM THE ENCORE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone!

I hope each of you are enjoying your summer so far!

Encore has finished another fun, successful season and we all need to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who make Encore a success! We are few in number and are always looking for members to join our Events Committee or to offer assistance to the board. Contact me at 815-370-5777 or at ritakopjo63@gmail.com, or contact any other volunteer listed on the back page if you have any questions or have an interest and want more information. We welcome you!

First, I want to thank our Board who keep Encore alive and well and who are tremendous assets to me! This group includes Patti Grimes, Sue Thompson, Nancy Faulk, Bill Zell, Sandy Kennedy, and Celeste Price. A very special thank you to Lillie DelMaestro, who served as our Events Chair from our restart post covid until the end of this season. She was invaluable to me and the rest of the Board as we restarted Encore. Thank you, Lillie!!!

We welcome our new Events Chair, Celeste Price, to the Board and to the Chairmanship of the Committee. Celeste has been a great asset to the Committee this past year and we look forward to her knowledge and leadership. Plus, she is a lot of fun!

All of our events are planned by the Events Committee! They do the work, and the Board approves the events. Encore would not be without them. Thank you, Sandy Bancroft, KC Hastings, Pat Kane, Merry Klinefelter, Patti Grimes, Adele Leeming, Jane Pattison, Celeste Price, Sandy Tuminelli, and Lillie! Our thanks to Sandy Bancroft and Jane Pattison for doing our event brochures and serving as Website Liaisons. Also, thanks to Sandy Kennedy who publishes our newsletter. An additional thanks to the spouses of our volunteers who are always willing to lend a hand. Be sure to read the rest of our newsletter for Encore updates and upcoming events.

Be good to yourselves and enjoy our beautiful area! See you in September!

Rita Kopjo

ENCORE SURVEY RESULTS

Wow, what a great response to our member survey done through SurveyMonkey! We had a 32% return rate, which is very good. Thank you for your input!

Also, a special thanks to Jane Pattison and Sandy Bancroft for constructing the survey and sending it to our members. I will summarize for you and any questions may be directed to Sandy or Jane.

- 67% of members want to travel fewer than 30 miles to an event while 45% are willing to travel further and 56% of members would travel further if they could carpool.
- 68% of members would be interested in a bus for events (additional cost would be added to event, which may be prohibitive for some.)
- Spending limits ranged from \$35 to \$200 depending on the event.
- Most were between \$50-\$100 depending on the event.
- Evening events are preferred, but only by ten percentage points.
- Feedback on previous events was overall positive. A couple of responses advocated keeping costs down, but the vast majority enjoyed the events.
- Unfortunately, 84% of our members stated that they would NOT be interested in helping with future events. This could affect our ability to continue in the future.
- 55% stated they are not interested in hosting or helping with in-home wine tasting.
- Only 12% stated they would. Since these events require host homes and a great deal of work the Board has decided we will no longer hold them.
- The events that most interested members included dinners, lunches, concerts, theater, wine tasting, and a baseball game. Other interests varied among the selections.
- Suggestions for online communication included keeping the website current, adding an events calendar, and adding a Facebook Page (we did, see page 4 for details.)
- 55% use the website for events announcements and 42% use it to sign up for events.
- 28% use it for newsletters and 30% do not use it. You could mark multiple answers.

Our Events Committee and the Board are using your input and trying to satisfy as many members as possible yet being careful to add variety. Thank you!

Rita



What's New, Encore's Facebook Page!

We invite you to view the new Facebook page as a way of communicating, see events and other activities with our members and encourage new members to join the fun.

What will I see?

- Current and future events
- Members posted event pictures
- Sharing of information
- Questions and responses

How to find us? Search on your Facebook page for **Encore of Brunswick County, NC**. To access the page and become a follower, select "Join group" and follow the prompts.

The Facebook page allows another form of communication, keeping in touch and sharing information. Please note, it will **NOT** take the place of our Website, Newsletter, or email communications from Bill Zell.

Who to contact? email Jane Pattison dennjane1@verizon.net or Sandy Bancroft sandy101951@gmail.com



Dues News

As we all know prices have increased across the board for everyone in everything we do! Encore dues have remained the same since our inception. However, we must now make a change. Encore annual dues will increase to \$10 a person as of August 1, 2023.

Still a great deal!

Upcoming Season 2023-24



The Kickoff Event of the upcoming season is set. The Sunset Cocktail Party is set for September 19 (rain date September 26.) Watch for the flyer in late August.

Other Events in the Works



Bowling Party in Shallotte

Brunch at the Famous Toastery of Wilmington



Sea Racer Tours in Little River and Dinner at Clarks

Arlie Gardens



Ax Throwing



Wine Tasting Event



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