

Ocean Ridge Charities Association celebrates fifth anniversary



Photos contributed

ABOVE: Dr. Susanne Adams, president of Brunswick Community College



RIGHT: Some of the residents who attended

Ocean Ridge Charities Association Inc. (ORCA) hosted a wine and cheese party Oct. 27 at Ocean Ridge Plantation Club for Ocean Ridge residents to celebrate its fifth anniversary. This gave ORCA and its top charities, which were also represented, an opportunity to thank residents for their contributions of time and money since ORCA began.

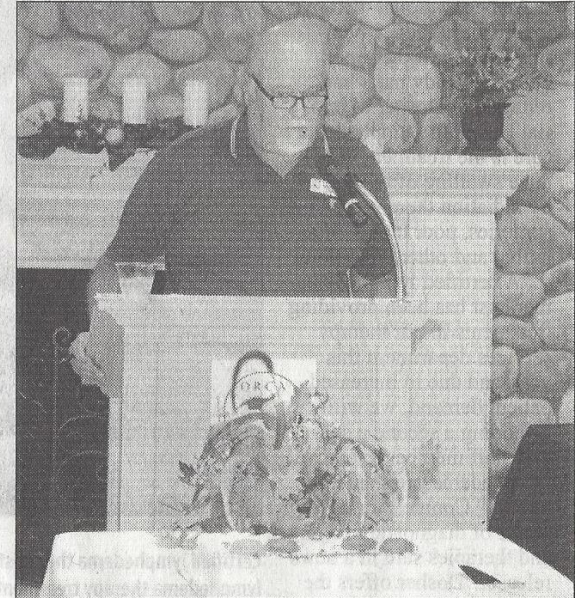
Mike Gildea, president of ORCA, opened the event with a summary of the contribution success through the year and what the organization has been able to accomplish as a result of the com-

munity's generosity. Amy Kelly, ORCA board member, and Dr. Susanne Adams, president of Brunswick Community College, then spoke about the Ocean Ridge David Kelly Endowment of BCC that marked the beginning of ORCA's philanthropic efforts. This endowment has become highly successful and can now fund a one-semester scholarship each and every year.

Joining the ORCA Board and Ocean Ridge residents at this event were representatives from the top charities that are the focus of ORCA giving: Brunswick

County Homeless Coalition, Communities In Schools of Brunswick County, Habitat for Humanity, Hope Harbor Home, Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Matthews Ministry, New Hope Clinic, Ocean Ridge David Kelly Nursing Endowment at BCC, Brunswick County Streetreach and Veterans' Welcome Home & Resource Center.

It was a very successful event following a very successful five years and ORCA looks forward to continuing community involvement to help support the neediest in Brunswick County.



Mike Gildea, president of Ocean Ridge Charities Association Inc.