



# The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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## CHPOA President's Letter

The Cape Haze Property Owners Association Annual Meeting is Saturday, January 21 at 4:00 PM. This is an important time to hear what's happening in your Community and a great time to express your opinion as well. I'd like to give a special thank you to the CHPOA Board members who worked so hard for you this past year. They are Susan Butler, Jeanne Corbin, Mary Lou Fitzgerald, Bill Blasdell, Ralph Bond, Shell Rieley and Art Hanson. They are truly dedicated to providing a better Community for you – so please thank them when you see them in the neighborhood.

It's been a good year for CHPOA. Our membership has increased and we have made a significant improvement to the appearance of our Community Center landscaping. The County is now considering a more reasonable improvement to Placida Road – providing the needed repaving and adding bike paths and a sidewalk on the east side. We should be able to provide a status update at the Annual meeting. We continue to maintain our vacant lots and common areas. This year we also trimmed the trees on our two islands to ensure good navigation. And don't forget our beach property. Our beach ownership and access is unique and valuable to all of us.

The Deed Restriction Revitalization process is about to enter the next phase. After encouraging everyone to vote we have received 160 votes in favor versus 20 opposed. Having received strong support and the required majority in favor of the updated deed restrictions, we will proceed with the process of filing with the County and the State. I'd like to thank everyone for their participation.

The CHPOA Board has proposed that the number of board members be reduced to seven from the present nine. Assuming the members approve this change at the Annual Meeting, we will be electing two new members this year. I have reached the end of my second term on the board and a new President will be chosen for 2012. I have enjoyed my time serving the Cape Haze Community and wish to thank everyone who has worked so hard to help move us in a forward direction. I truly appreciate your dedication and support. And a special thank you goes to the Cape Haze Women's Club. You truly do the most to make our Community an interesting and enjoyable place to live.

Regards,

Ross Witschonke

## Opportunities in Cape Haze

Membership in The Cape Haze Property Owners Association (CHPOA) and The Cape Haze Women's Club is open to anyone owning a residence in Cape Haze. Taking an active part is a great way to have a "say" in what happens in our Community. For more information, watch your mail or contact any CHPOA or Women's Club Board Member (listed in the Cape Haze Residents Directory).

*The Fountain* is looking for a new Editor. If you've always wanted to write and be "Published", here's your opportunity! Contact Nancy Buechler, 697-0885.

## Don't Miss the Fun!



### Sarasota Orchestra Association Chapter South 6th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon

**Friday, February 10, 2012 at The Gasparilla Inn**

Meet at Cape Haze Community Center at 10:15 AM to Carpool

Music by the Youth Orchestra String Quartet  
Fashions by Ariel Ltd., The Palm on Park, The Inn Shop  
Lunch at The Gasparilla Inn

*Join The Cape Haze Women's Club for this outing benefiting the Sarasota Youth Orchestra Program*

**\$45 (\$25 tax deductible) check payable to SOA;**

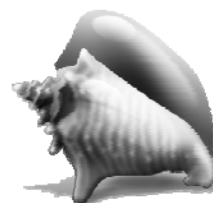
**Deliver to Jan Hayes, 485 Green Dolphin Dr. S., NO LATER THAN Wednesday, January 25**

### Shelling on Palm Island and Lunch at Rum Bay

**Wednesday, February 22, (Rain date, Thursday, February 23)**

Meet at Community Center at 9:15 AM to Carpool

Ferry Ride to Palm Island, Golf Carts for Island Transportation,  
Delicious Lunch at Rum Bay with Fish and other Options



**\$18 Includes Everything**

**Reservations by February 20th with check payable to Karen Irvine**  
**697-8883**

*Don't forget your sunscreen, camera, and bag for all the wonderful shells you'll collect!*

### Lunch, Punta Gorda Trolley and Boat Tour

**Friday, March 16 - Meet at Community Center at 10:30 AM to Carpool**

Lunch at Village Fish Market, Fisherman's Village  
Order from Menu (not all fish!) and pay individually \$15 and Up

Narrated Historical and Mural Trolley Tour of Punta Gorda  
King Fisherman Narrated Boat Tour of Charlotte Harbor

**\$30 check to Cape Haze Women's Club (Covers Tours)**  
**To: Mary Landy, 50 Spyglass Alley, by January 30**  
**(Limited to first 26 paid reservations)**



# Cape Haze Women's Club

We're very sorry to announce that Barbara Hanson has resigned as our President due to health problems. We all wish Barbara the very best with a speedy recovery. We'll miss her guidance and dedication to the Community and look forward to seeing her at our events in the near future. Per our By-Laws, Vice President Nancy Buechler will complete Barbara's term.

A special *Thank You* to: Sharon Blasdell and Mary Lou Fitzgerald, Chairs of Cape Haze holiday decorating; Penny Rieley for preparing the delicious ham for our holiday dinner; Susan Butler and Lorrie Flowers for hosting January's Friday Night Social; Cindy Howell and Mary Lou Fitzgerald for the Chicken and Ribs Dinner; Cheryl Clark and the aerobics ladies for helping set up for just about every occasion; and to all those who helped with these and other Cape Haze events.

**Kids' Needs** particularly thanks Cape Haze for donating seven complete boxes of toys, clothing, and shoes; and for giving several gift certificates and checks to the Christmas effort. Thank you everyone for your generosity - let's not quit now! Current needs center around toiletries and school supplies, with school clothing and shoes always being needed. The Donation Box is inside the Community Center so if you don't have access to it, please call any Women's Club Board member for assistance.

We have lots of fun and informative events planned for the coming months, so mark your calendars and take part in as many as you can.

*All events take place at the Community Center unless otherwise noted.*

**Thursday, January 19, 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Game Night.** Bridge Players wanted. *Dominoes, Phase 10, and Rummikub* will be offered (and taught) or bring your own game to share. (Yes, this is even open to the men!)

**Saturday, January 21, Following CHPOA Annual Meeting, about 6:00 PM – Baby Back Ribs and Chicken Dinner** with all the trimmings (even dessert!) for only \$17/person.

**Monday, January 23, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Memory Screenings.** The Alzheimer's Association will provide personal, confidential screenings. Open to everyone, call Nancy Buechler, 697-0885, for an appointment.

**Then at 2:00 PM, the Alzheimer's Association provides Sensitivity Experience and Training.** Experience problems patients deal with on a daily basis and learn communication and interaction basics. Since everyone is, or will be, touched by Alzheimer's, all are invited to this "understanding" afternoon (even the men!),

**Friday, February 10, 10:15 AM – Sarasota Youth Symphony Association Fashion Show and Luncheon,** at The Gasparilla Inn and Club on Boca Grande. Enjoy a superb music program by the Youth Orchestra String Quartet with fashions by Ariel Ltd., The Palm on Park, and The Inn Shop (all located in Boca Grande), and lunch by the Gasparilla Inn. This is a wonderful ladies day out and supports a very good cause. Meet at the Community Center at 10:15 AM to carpool.

\$45/person (\$25 Tax Decuctible), checks to SOA (Sarasota Orchestra Association), and to Jan Hayes, 698-4132, by Wednesday, January 25.

Then in the evening, 5:00 – 7:00 PM – Friday Night Social hosted by Mary and Jerry Landy. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage. (This is the way to feed your husband after you've spent the day at the Symphony Luncheon!)

**Tuesday, February 14, 10:00 AM – Book Club** discusses *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.

**Thursday, February 16, 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Game Night.** Bring a game to share and watch your e-mails for more information.

**Wednesday, February 22 (Rain date Thursday, February 23), 9:15 AM – Shelling on Palm Island & Lunch at Rum Bay.** This is always a very popular event and we thank Karen Irvine for providing it. Meet at the Community Center to carpool to catch the ferry to the Island, golf carts

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provided to drive to the beach, walk the lovely sand beaches collecting shells (or just sit in the sun enjoying the lovely gulf views), then enjoy a wonderful lunch at Rum Bay. Only \$18! Contact Karen, 697-8883, by Monday, February 20.

**Friday, March 9, 5:00 – 7:00 PM – Friday Night Social** hosted by Jan and Pete Hayes, Karen and Hank Irvine. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage.

**Monday, March 12, 1:00 PM – Women's Club Meeting.** Board Nominees for coming year will be announced, By-Law Amendment Vote, and much more TBA.

Following the meeting, at 2:00 PM, Deputy Dale, from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, will present simple things we can all do to improve personal and home safety. Everyone is encouraged to attend the special presentation (and yes, the men are invited to this, too!).

**Thursday, March 15, 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Game Night.** Bring a game to share and watch your e-mails for information.

**Friday, March 16, 10:30 AM – Lunch and Punta Gorda Trolley and Boat Tour.** Meet at the Community Center to carpool to Fisherman's Village. Enjoy lunch with a view at Village Fish Market Restaurant, order from the menu (it's not all fish!) and pay individually (\$15 and up); then board the trolley for a historical tour of Punta Gorda including old and new sites and some murals; then embark a King Fisherman boat for a Charlotte Harbor (not the canals) tour; return landside about 4:30 PM. (Both tours are

narrated). Tour cost is \$30 plus lunch cost. Tour is limited to the first 26 who get their checks to Mary Landy, 830-8774.

**Monday, April 2, Women's Club Meeting and Salad Pot Luck Luncheon.** Business includes officer election and installation. Bring your favorite salad to share and enjoy a fun social wrap-up of our 2011-2012 season. Wine, coffee, dessert will be provided. This will be around Noon, watch your e-mails for exact time. Reservations to Nancy Buechler, 697-0885, by March 23.

**Saturday, April 14, After CHPOA Meeting (about 6:00 PM) – 'Let's Roll' Casserole Dinner.** More details TBA, but save the date to bid farewell to those leaving for the summer. Mary Lou Fitzgerald is coordinating this event.

Remember to check your e-mails often for updates and reminders of our Community events. They are also posted on the bulletin board at the Community Center and on the website, [www.capehaze.org](http://www.capehaze.org).

Thanks again to all those who help provide these social events for our Community and if you would like to get more involved (anything from giving *friendly* advise to running for a Board position) please contact any Women's Club Board Member.

Hope to see everyone at something this season,

Nancy Buechler  
Acting President  
697-0885



**Dr. Eugenie Clark**

Dr. Eugenie Clark, famed Marine Biologist, Researcher, author and founder of the Cape Haze Marine Laboratory (Now The Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota) recently spoke to a large Cape Haze audience. Dr. Clark graciously answered lots of questions and signed the newest edition of her book. The Cape Haze Library will have a video of the event available sometime in February. It will also be available for purchase from The Cape Haze Women's Club.

Bill Dunson, retired Penn State biology teacher, will speak to The Lemon Bay Historical Society, Green Street Church, 416 Green Street, Englewood, on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM. His presentation, titled "*Designing a Native Preserve-the Wildflower Experience*", is free and open to the public.



Mark Your Calendars

## Upcoming Events

*Unless otherwise noted, events take place at the Community Center*

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| January 19  | Game Night - 7:00 - 9:00 PM   |
| January 21  | CHPOA Annual Meeting - 4:00 PM<br>Ribs and Chicken Dinner - Following Meeting   |
| January 23  | Memory Screening - 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Appointments<br>Alzheimer's Sensitivity Experience/Training - 2:00 PM<br>Public Welcome |
| February 10 | Symphony Fashion Show/Luncheon - Gasparilla Inn<br>10:15 AM - Meet at Community Center to Carpool                             |
| February 10 | Friday Night Social - 5:00 - 7:00 PM  |
| February 14 | Book Club - 10:00 AM - <i>Sarah's Key</i>   |
| February 22 | Shelling on Palm Island and Lunch at Rum Bay<br>9:15 AM - Meet at Community Center to Carpool                                 |
| February 23 | Rain Date for Shelling on Palm Island<br>9:15 AM - Meet at Community Center to Carpool  |
| March 9     | Friday Night Social - 5:00 - 7:00 PM  |
| March 12    | Women's Club Meeting - 1:00 PM<br>Personal and Home Safety Presentation - 2:00 PM<br>Public Welcome                           |
| March 13    | Book Club - 10:00 AM - <i>Please Look After Mom</i>   |
| March 15    | Game Night - 7:00 - 9:00 PM   |
| March 16    | Lunch and Punta Gorda Trolley and Boat Tour<br>10:30 AM - Meet at Community Center to Carpool                                 |
| April 2     | Women's Club Meeting and Salad Pot Luck<br>Time TBA (about Noon)  |
| April 10    | Book Club - 10:00 AM - <i>In the Woods</i>  |
| April 14    | CHPOA Special Membership Meeting - 4:00 PM<br>Casserole Dinner Following Meeting  |

Watch e-mails and the website, [www.capehaze.org](http://www.capehaze.org) for updates

## Community Notes

As this issue of *The Fountain* goes to press, I'm reminded of the considerable effort made by a small percentage of our Community to make Cape Haze the wonderful place we've all come to love.

We must remember the time investment donated by the CHPOA (Cape Haze Property Owners Association) Board members maintaining and improving the Community. They keep the common areas trimmed and clean, keep the lights at the entrance and fountain working (not to mention the water), maintain the beach area, keep vacant lots mowed, clean the roadside along Placida Road and much more.

They also coordinate efforts to save neighbors' property lines from incursion by County development and maintain no wake zones in the intracoastal.

It's impossible to name all those who contribute, but know that you and your efforts are appreciated. And, if you are one who doesn't help out, give it some consideration. If everyone pitched in, from picking up litter to financially supporting CHPOA and CAM (Common Area Maintenance) to serving on the Board, imagine what could be accomplished!

## *The Fountain*

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All articles, letters, photographs, and "Upcoming Events" received by deadline will be considered for publication.

Text submissions should be Microsoft Word files.

Photographs should be .jpg files of at least 400kB in size.

Text and photographs should be attached to e-mail with "Fountain Submission" in the subject box, and forwarded to [NancyBue@aol.com](mailto:NancyBue@aol.com).

Hard copy submissions may also be considered.

**March Deadline is  
March 19, 2012**

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Cape Haze Property Owners Association  
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**CHPOA Annual Meeting  
Saturday, January 21 at 4:00 PM**

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