



The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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CHPOA President's Column

It is with mixed feelings that I write this letter, my last as your President. I have advised the Board that I will not stand for re-election as President of CHPOA at the January meeting due to serious family obligations which will have us out of the area for a considerable amount of time this year, and I believe it is time for some new blood in the job. I will remain on the Board of Directors to fill out my remaining term, however.

On a few occasions I've written to tell you of the serious threat posed by what I refer to as unfettered development. We've been pretty successful, we thought, in fighting some of the more egregious examples of this. However, the recent approval by the County Board of Commissioners of the conversion of the Wildflower Golf Course into condos and commercial space absolutely boggles the mind. The approval was given despite the fact that it is zoned "Parks and Recreation" and despite the negative recommendation of their own Development Review Committee. This project was rejected by the DRC not once but twice. Suddenly, last month our own Commissioner, Tom Moore, placed this matter on the agenda and then muscled it through the County Commissioners approval process.

One can only speculate on Commissioner Moore's motives, since this development will stretch available infrastructure and have a tremendously negative effect on the quality of life on the Cape Haze peninsula. We, along with other community groups are now looking into what actions we can take. Certainly, if and when Commissioner Moore stands for re-election we should not forget this blatant betrayal of the trust we placed in him and the other commissioners.

Our priorities continue to be speaking out and fighting against destructive development; improving the entry way signage; setting up broad based committees to deal with our aging Community Center and pool, and changing the direction of CHPOA from a regulatory body to one totally devoted to improving the quality of life here in Cape Haze.

Finally, I must say that in addition to the frustration we experienced in the Wildflower matter, my other disappointment has been the inability to get a larger number of people committed to our Community. Like it or not, we are a "**do it yourself**" Community. If we don't do it, it doesn't get done. Many have been willing to say to me, "What you should do is ...", but when asked to step up and participate, the response is often something along the lines of "Oh, I can't get involved ..." Well folks, if you don't get involved, to paraphrase a noted philosopher, **you will get the kind of community you deserve.**

So to those of you who have gotten involved (past and present), I give my heartfelt thanks. To our Board members, both existing and incoming, and to our volunteers I extend my sincere appreciation for your effort and support. Most importantly, to Paul Wunsch, Don Landmann and Pam Neer who all are going off the Board, I say: "Thanks very much, you've contributed, in a big way, to making Cape Haze the special place it is."

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I am,
Respectfully,

Bill Dahms, CHPOA President

Roadside Clean-up Kudos

On Tuesday, November 28 seventeen volunteers gathered at the Community Center to participate in a clean-up of S.R. 775. A collective groan could be heard for blocks, as we pondered the task ahead. The afternoon before, the long grass bordering the road had been mowed, leaving the bountiful trash in what seemed like millions of shreds! Talk about bad timing. We worked furiously and were able to complete our task by 10:30 am. Because of the nasty conditions we faced, I'd like to acknowledge: Debbie Armitage,

Janet Baker, Martha Combs, Mary Lou Fitzgerald, Nancy Foley, Marilyn Friedenber, Dick Goodrich, Julie Hoe, Bev Martin, Percy and Marv Medintz, Barbara Moore, Dick Page, Shell Rieley, Phyllis Schofield and Linda Wilhelm. THANKS; we needed that!!

Penny Rieley
Women's Club President

Bowling League Going Strong

The Cape Haze Bowling League now has 48 regular bowlers on 12 teams. Bowlers attribute the success of the league to the enthusiasm and organizational skills of Dell Smithern, league secretary.

Originally consisting only of Cape Haze residents, currently about 50% of the members come from surrounding locations. Dell says, "It's a fun group and everyone feels like family."

Players' ages range from 48 to 94 and averages are 88 to over 200. It's a handicapped league and newcomers' averages are figured after the first round of play.

The group bowls mid-October through March on Mondays at 2:30 at the Englewood Bowl. They finish the season with a banquet at Boca Royale.

They are always adding to the sub list and will need more regular bowlers beginning in the fall. To sign up, call Dell Smithern at 460-1786.



Learn Tai Chi

This Yang style class is for all ages, and families are encouraged to attend. The first class is complementary, then \$5 per person/per class. Wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothes.

Sifu Ed Hicks is an experienced teacher who has studied the art of tai chi in depth for 15 years with Grand Master Pu Chan from China.

Yang style tai chi is characterized by balanced, flowing movements and the harmonious and seamless way that the transition from one movement to the next is carried out.

Tai Chi improves balance, promotes flexibility, tones the body and, some say, encourages longevity. It's also lots of fun!

Tuesdays, 7-8 pm
Community Center



Three Generations Living in Cape Haze Eldest is 101 Years Young!

Peter Johnson, Pete Johnson, and Pete Johnson, Jr. all live on Green Dolphin Dr. Pete and Sandy moved here in 1995 and liked it so much they enticed Pete's father and their son to join them.

The eldest Peter Johnson celebrated his 101st birthday in September. Sandy says "He's in great shape, gets around very well, and enjoys visiting with tourists and neighbors."



Peter Johnson

Mr. Johnson retired from General Electric where he was a purchasing agent. In addition, he operated a farm and sold produce to locals in the Middleton, Massachusetts area.

The Johnsons all enjoy boating and recently cruised to Cabbage Key where Mr. Johnson turned down the offer of a ride up the hill, saying he preferred walking whenever possible.



Three Generations, left to right: Pete Jr., Peter Johnson, Pete Johnson

It's obvious the Johnson's have great genes as Mr. Johnson's mother lived to 103, his wife to 97 and her sister was 98. Additionally, Mr. Johnson attributes his long life to "moderation" and Pete says, "it's clean living, dad never smoked or drank."

The family's ties to Cape Haze extend even further as Pete Jr.'s wife, Johanna, is the daughter of John and Martha Combs who live on Capstan Dr.

We're glad to have them all as neighbors and expect to see Johnsons around for at least the next 100 years.

Restaurant Review – Cape Haze Café

Conveniently located at 3755 Cape Haze Drive, across from the Rotonda Community Center, is a casual little café serving breakfast and lunch. In addition, party platters of sandwiches or meat and cheese can be ordered.

The owners, a husband and wife team, came from Rhode Island to vacation in Florida and, hating to go back to the cold weather where toys (boat, motorcycle, Corvette, etc.) were stored all winter, began planning to move south permanently.

Thus, the Cape Haze Café was born. In addition to offering traditional breakfast fare including Starbucks Frappacino, deli sandwiches, subs and

burgers; homemade chili and other soups are also available. The Rhode Island Clam Chowder is a sweet tomato base with potatoes and clams. They also serve Rhode Island Clam Cakes, but if you try the restaurant, I recommend the pancakes – they may be the best in the area.

The café is open Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday 6:00 am to 2:00 pm, closed Mondays. They accept MasterCard, Visa and, of course, cash! Call 697-8245 for more information.

This review does not constitute a promotion and is not a paid advertisement.

Cape Haze Women's Club

Happy New Year. We ended 2006 with some nice parties and events. But don't be forlorn if you missed them, we have more planned for 2007 and we hope you will be able to participate. Please respect the committees and chair people and get those RSVP's in on time to make their jobs easier.

January 29th, Monday. Craft Day with Karen Irvine. **10 A.M.** (following Aerobics) at Cape Haze Community Center. Bring those shells we found on the beach. Hostess: Mary Kupersmith, 698-0595.

February 4th, Sunday. Super Bowl Party Cape Haze Community Center. Begin arriving around 5:00 P.M. **BYOB** and a **SUBSTANTIAL APPETIZER** to share. Football attire is encouraged. **RSVP** to Chairmen: Martha and John Combs, 698-1063, **by January 29th**. (This is a corrected date from what is listed in the Women's Club Handbook.)

February 6th, Tuesday. 10:00 A.M. Cape Haze Community Center. Book Review. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult. This is a thought-provoking book dealing with effects of serious illness on family members and ethical and moral use of medical science to prolong life. Discussion leader is Betty Leach, newcomers are welcome.

February 9th, Friday Social Hour 5 - 7 P.M. Cape Haze Community Center. Hosts: Jan and Pete Hayes and Percy and Marv Medintz. **BYOB** and an hors d'oeuvre to share.

February 12th, Monday. Cape Haze Women's Club Business Meeting and Women of Windward Luncheon. Jam's Restaurant chef, Eric Oberg (Graduate of the Culinary Institute of New York), will perform a cooking demonstration of the luncheon we will be served. Price is \$18.95 and includes the demonstration, meal, drink (water, tea, coffee or soda), tax and tip. **Meet at 10 A.M.** at the Community Center for a Business Meeting, the

nominating committee will be appointed. Then at **11 A.M.** we'll depart for Jam's Restaurant for an **11:30 A.M.** Cooking Demonstration followed by lunch.

RSVP by Feb 5th to Cindy Googins, 697-8910

February 24th, Saturday. Family Beach Party. Watch for flyer with details.

March 6th, Tuesday. 10:00 A.M. Cape Haze Community Center. Book Review "The March" by E.L. Doctorow. This Civil War novel chronicles General Sherman's march through Georgia to the sea. Discussion leader is Penny Rieley, history and literature buffs are encouraged to attend.

March 9th, Friday Social Hour 5 - 7 P.M. Cape Haze Community Center. Hosts are Nancy Fogle, Ann and Keith Lallman, Teri and Wes Rigsby. **BYOB** and an hors d'oeuvre to share.

March 12th, Monday. 9 A.M. Ecco Tour by Grande Tours. Meet at Community Center for Women's Club Meeting. Then at 10:00 A.M. we'll depart for Grand Tours. **RSVP** by Feb 12th Cost: \$ 25.00

We need a minimum number of people for this event to be a "Go." Chairwomen: Hilary Dahms, 828-0447 and Jan Hayes, 698-4132.

March 24th, Saturday. Annual Spring Fling. Plans are just getting underway for this event. Put the date on your calendar and watch for a flyer with details.

Please keep these dates handy for easy reference.

A special thanks to those who have helped put these events together for all of us to enjoy and thanks to all who participate.

Bev Martin, Women's Club Correspondent

Upcoming Events

- January 20** **CHPOA Annual Membership Meeting**
10:00 AM - Community Center
Coffee at 9:30 AM
- January 29** **Women's Club - Craft Day**
10:00 AM - Community Center
- February 4** **Super Bowl Party**
5:00 PM - Community Center
- February 6** **Book Review - "My Sister's Keeper"**
10:00 AM - Community Center
- February 9** **Friday Night Social**
5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center
- February 12** **Women's Club Meeting & Luncheon**
10:00 AM - Community Center & Jam's
- February 24** **Family Beach Party**
TBA
- March 6** **Book Review - "The March"**
10:00 AM - Community Center
- March 7** ***The Fountain* March Issue Deadline**
- March 12** **Women's Club Meeting & Ecco Tour**
9:00 AM - Community Center
- March 24** **Annual Spring Fling**
TBA

Not for Valentine's Day!

For a happy Valentine's Day, **don't use these!** When asked for romantic first lines to be followed by the least romantic rhymes, our poets came up with these sentiments (no one we know!).

Roses are red,
violets are blue,
sugar is sweet,
and so are you.

But the roses are wilting,
the violets are dead,
the sugar bowl's empty
and so is your head.

What inspired this amorous rhyme?
Two parts vodka, one part lime!

I thought that I could love no other
Until, that is, I met your brother.

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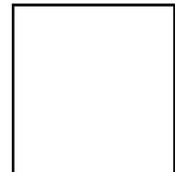
Submissions should be Microsoft Word files attached to e-mail and forwarded to NancyBue@aol.com.

Hard copy submissions will also be considered.

**March Deadline is
March 7, 2007**

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CHPOA Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 20th at 10:00

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