



The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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CHPOA President's Letter

Thank you to all who decorated the neighborhood for Christmas. We lost our fountain palm trees in the winter cold last year but the new lights around the fountain were spectacular.

Our Annual Member's meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 4 PM in the Community Center. Please plan to attend and then stay for the Soup Dinner being organized by the Women's Club. I'd like to thank the CHPOA Board Members who served this year. They are Susan Butler, Vice President; Shell Rieley, Treasurer; Mary Lou Fitzgerald, Secretary; and Karen Irvine, Ralph Bond, Ben Cirka, Stanley Friedenbergl, and Art Hanson. Also many thanks to Clare Landmann who handles our vacant lot mowing program. The terms of Mary Lou, Karen and Ralph will end this year. Nominations for these three positions are being pursued by Art Hanson and his nominating committee. Mary Lou has accepted a nomination for a second term so we are seeking two new members to the Board. Please let Art know if you have an interest.

It's been an active year highlighted by the completed improvements to our Community Center. A committee has been formed to develop a landscaping proposal for the grounds. We'll introduce them at the annual meeting, and there is room for additional members if you'd like to participate.

The project to widen Placida Road to four and five lanes is still moving forward, but we have gotten the attention of our County Commissioners. Since the public review in November, which many of you attended, I have met with each Commissioner individually and the County Administrator. Due to the overwhelming objections expressed at the public meeting they are listening. I am hopeful that a review of this extensive project will be brought forward for discussion at the Board of Commissioners Meeting this month.

I'd like to appeal once again to everyone to respect and comply with our deed restrictions. As most of you know the extension of these deed restrictions is filed with the County. The restrictions are not that restrictive but of particular concern are the permanent storage of RV's and trailers and the general upkeep of property. One of the greatest "values" of our Community is the large lot sizes we enjoy. However, when we choose to use our property for RV and trailer storage we are significantly reducing property value. No one is going to object to temporary parking of campers and boats, but when highly visible parking becomes a permanent substitute for proper storage in a proper facility it becomes an issue for the entire neighborhood. Real estate agents have confirmed that sales have been lost when potential buyers observe homeowners violating this deed restriction. We are continuing to work with an attorney concerning this matter but would much prefer that people respect the value of everyone's property and simply comply.

Finally, a special thank you to the Cape Haze Women's Club for all the contributions they have made to our Community. This includes donating carpeting and new chairs for the Community Center, also organizing a wide variety of activities for all of us to enjoy, and of course providing the great Christmas decorations. Thank you Barb Hanson and everyone who works with you.

See you at the Annual Meeting,
Ross Witschonke

Caution at the Fountain!!

Unfortunately, too many residents and visitors fail to navigate our circle and fountain in the correct direction.

It only takes an additional second to go around the right way (counter clockwise). Going Left before the circle could cause an accident resulting in a costly repair or a head-on collision.

Please heed the signs and go around the circle the proper way.

The life you save could be your own!!



Don't Miss the Fun!

"Souper" Saturday Supper

Saturday, January 22, following 4:00 PM CHPOA Meeting

Variety of Homemade Soups, Aritsan Breads and Rolls, Jello, Finger Cakes and Cookies

\$10 per person

Reservations by check payable to Cape Haze Women

For your reservation, call Clare Landmann **Now** - 697-8492

Don't forget to bring your beverage of choice and a can of soup for the Food Pantry

Shelling on Palm Island and Lunch at Rum Bay

Tuesday, February 15, Meet at Community Center at 9:15 AM

Ferry Ride to Palm Island, Golf Carts for Island Transportation, Delicious Lunch at Rum Bay

\$18 per person

Reservations by February 10th with check payable to Karen Irvine

For your reservation, contact Karen Irvine - 697-8883

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

Winter Celebration Coming

*The Cape Haze Women's Club Invites You to
Join Your Neighbors and Bring Your Friends to*

A Fun Evening of Dining and Dancing

*Thursday, February 24, 2011 - 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
The Plantation Golf and Country Club, Venice*

*Choose Chicken Marsala, Prime Rib, or Salmon Caribbean with all the trimmings
Hors d'oeuvres, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks Included*

Complimentary Photographs

Cash Bar Available

Black Tie Optional

\$50 per person

Reservations by February 5, 2011

*Call Nancy Buechler, 697-0885,
for more information*



Boat Parade Attracts Stars



Hank Irvine captained a boat carrying special guests Santa Claus and one of his Elves. Can you guess who played St. Nick and his sidekick? Answers on Page 5.

Library Seeking Donations

The Cape Haze Library is in need of paperback or hardback books that are less than 10 years old. All books should be clean and in good repair. Just leave donations in the Community Center Library .

We're very fortunate to have a nice collection of books, games, and puzzles conveniently available at no cost. CHPOA members are invited to borrow books and other items any time and all on the honor system.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ellie Wolthoff, who has been coordinating and maintaining the library since it was built. Thank you, Ellie, for all your hard work and dedication to providing this benefit to our Community.

Cape Haze Women's Club

Special Thanks to all those who donate to our on-going food drive. We're overwhelmed with your generosity as are the food pantries to which we donate the food. Thanks also to those who have made donations to the Kids Needs Program. These wonderful organizations are dependent on your warm spirit of community outreach.

Thanks to Hilary Dahms and her committee for the lovely holiday decorations. Special thanks also to the un-decorating committee for dismantling, packing, and rearranging the storage area to accommodate the Holiday decoration boxes. This was a big job!

The Lighted Boat Parade was a huge success with almost 40 decorated boats cruising the Intracoastal. Both those on the boats and those watching from shore enjoyed the festivity. Thanks to Karen and Hank Irvine, all the captains, those who decorated their waterfront, and everyone who helped with this event.

The group who attended the December play at the Van Wezel in Sarasota all enjoyed an evening of good humor. We thank Sharon Blasdell for arranging this fun *On the Go* event.

Kudos to Mary Lou Fitzgerald, Nancy Buechler, and their committee for all their work planning and hosting our first Victorian Tea. A good time was had by all who attended.

The Holiday Social Hour hosted by Lee and Nancy Buechler and the first Friday Night Social of the new year hosted by Percy and Marv Medintz were huge successes. Turn out was great as lots of neighbors came to enjoy the fun evenings of good conversation, food, and games. Don't miss the next Friday Night Socials.

Our first meeting of 2011 was followed by a program on Wildflower Preserve by Percy Angelo and Marv Medintz. We all learned a lot and thank them for the presentation.

Remember, the Book Review Club meets the second Tuesday of the month, 10:00 AM at the

Community Center. The February 8th selection is ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot**. On March 8th we'll discuss ***Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See**. All are welcome.

Other important dates to mark on your calendar include:

Saturday, January 22nd, starting at 4:00 PM, Community Center. CHPOA Annual Meeting followed by "Souper" Saturday Night. Cost is \$10.00 per person and one can of soup for our food pantry basket. Call Clare Landmann at 697-8492 for reservations and payment.

Friday, February 11th, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Community Center. Friday Night Social, will be hosted by Lorrie Flowers and Barbara & Art Hanson. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and your choice of beverage.

Tuesday, February 15th. Shelling on Palm Island and Lunch at Rum Bay. We will meet at the Community Center at 9:15 AM to carpool to the ferry. The cost of the outing, which includes ferry fee, golf cart rental for the day, and lunch, is \$18. Please make checks payable to Karen Irvine. Reservations to Karen at 697-8883 by Thursday, February 10.

Thursday, February 24th, from 6:00 – 11:00 PM, Plantation Golf and Country Club, Venice. The Winter Celebration Dinner Party and Dance. A gala evening with a few surprises is planned. Don't be left out in the cold—come celebrate with friends and neighbors. See page 3 for more details.

Monday, March 14th, 10:00 AM, Community Center. The Women's Club Meeting with Nutrition and You Program to follow.

Saturday, April 2nd – Poker Run and Pot Luck Dinner. More information coming soon.

Monday April 11th – Annual Luncheon and election of officers. More details to follow.

Barbara Hanson, Women's Club President



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

- January 22 CHPOA Annual Meeting
4:00 PM - Community Center
- January 22 “*Souper*” Saturday Supper
Following CHPOA Meeting
Contact Clare Landmann, 697-8492 NOW!!
- February 8 Book Club - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
10:00 AM - Community Center
- February 11 Friday Night Social
5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center
- February 15 Shelling on Palm Island and Lunch at Rum Bay
9:15 AM - Meet at Community Center
- February 24 Winter Celebration Dinner Party and Dance
6:00 - 11:00 PM - *The Plantation, Venice*
- March 8 Book Club - *Shanghai Girls*
10:00 AM - Community Center
- March 11 Friday Night Social
5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center
- March 14 Women’s Club Meeting - *Nutrition & You Program*
10:00 AM - Community Center
- April 2 Poker Run and Pot Luck Dinner
More Information to Come

Stay informed, check our website - www.capehaze.org

Answers to Photo Identification, Page 3: Santa, aka Lee Ann Tobin, Elf aka Nada Foehringer

****Don't Miss Out****

Support your Community and Have Fun!
Join the Cape Haze Property Owners Association & The Women’s Club
and Support Common Area Maintenance

'Best' Actual Headlines

Headlines become humorous for various reasons.

Sometimes a slip of the tongue causes trouble:

- Grandmother of eight makes hole in one
- Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers

Sometimes grammar botches headlines:

- Eye drops off shelf
- Enraged cow injures farmer with ax
- Miners refuse to work after death
- Two sisters reunite after 18 years at checkout counter
- Dealers will hear car talk at noon

Sometimes editors state the obvious:

- Cold wave linked to temperatures
- Blind woman gets kidney from father she hasn't seen in years
- Something went wrong in jet crash, experts say
- War dims hope for peace

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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.

Hard copy submissions may also be considered.

**March Deadline is
March 18, 2011**

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**CHPOA Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 22 at 4:00 PM**

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