



The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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CHPOA President's Letter

We've had a great few weeks of winter weather in Cape Haze. What a contrast from last year. Thank you to our Women's Club for planning and organizing so many activities for all of us to enjoy.

At our Annual Meeting in January, Jeanne Corbin, Bill Blasdell, and Mary Lou Fitzgerald were elected to three year terms on the CHPOA Board. Please thank them for their willingness to support our neighborhood. Ben Cirka and Stanley Friedenbergl recently resigned from the Board for personal reasons. They have

both contributed significantly to our Community and we will miss their participation. Ralph Bond has accepted our appointment to the Board to finish Ben's remaining one year term, and we are seeking a replacement for Stanley.

The officers for this year will be Ross Witschonke - President, Jeanne Corbin - Vice-President, Mary Lou Fitzgerald - Secretary, Shell Rieley - Treasurer, and Bill Blasdell - CAM Administrator.

You may have noticed that the fence around the Community Center has been removed since we no longer have a pool to protect. This has set the stage for the Landscaping Committee to develop a plan for further improvement to the area. We should hear some of their ideas at our Members Meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 4 PM. I hope you plan to attend.

The County Commissioners deadlocked 2-2 in February on a proposal from the County Staff to widen Gasparilla Road instead of Placida Road. Newly elected Commissioners Constance and Deutsch supported the staff recommendation, but Commissioners Starr and Duffy objected to changing the plan. Commissioner Skidmore chose not to vote due to a conflict of interest. Since a majority vote was required to change direction, the Placida Road widening will continue with construction scheduled to begin next spring. Commissioner Starr recently agreed to consider a list of requests which we provided to the County to reduce the impact of the road on our neighborhood. The present design will remove a significant portion of the tree line which separates Cape Haze from the road and will require the complete removal of our entry sign and landscaping.

The members agreed at our Annual Meeting to establish a Deed Restrictions Revitalization Committee. This committee, chaired by Mark Clark, has been meeting and will soon be asking property owners in Cape Haze (west of Placida Road) to approve the revitalization of our restrictions. As you know, while most have cooperated in respecting our present restrictions, some have not. We are working with a Florida Statute passed in 2007 which provides for the revitalization of past deed restrictions with the agreement of a majority of the affected property owners. Our present deed restrictions were extended after 2003, but this revitalization process will ensure their validity and standing. Additional details will be coming.

Please consider joining CHPOA if you have not already done so. We are not a social organization. We are the organization that works for you to support and maintain the high quality of this fantastic Community. While the membership participation remains strong, we need everyone's support and input.

See you at the Membership Meeting,
Ross Witschonke

Library Receives Special Donation

Former Cape Haze resident, Lillian Killaby, donated *Wartime Letters Home*, by Lois MacDonald Cooper, another former Cape Haze resident, to our Community Library. Lillian lived on Spaniards Road until early 2000 and the Coopers lived on Green Dolphin Drive until 1995 when they moved to Sarasota.

Wartime Letters Home is a collection of letters and pictures Lois sent her parents from her posts as a Canadian Red Cross Volunteer during World War II. Lois's parents saved the letters and gave them to Lois in a box that she carried around for years. Then at the age of 85, Lois and a granddaughter started going through the box and came up with a very interesting collection of observations from the unique perspective of a young woman who had a front row seat on history. She took advantage of that opportunity to record the routine of daily life and impressions of tumultuous events unfolding around her.

On a personal level, her letters capture very concisely the spirit of the day; the many quick friendships that arise as people's lives intersect briefly and the small number of more enduring friendships where similar experiences under difficult circumstances forge life-long bonds. They resonate with anticipation as she and her colleagues await the invasion of Europe, and with sorrow as Canadian casualties mount in the battle for North-West Europe.

Lois MacDonald Cooper was born in Ottawa in 1920. She was educated at the Ottawa Ladies College, then MacDonald College of McGill

University. She enjoyed many sports and loved the outdoors, spending much time in the Gatineau Hills, Canada. Lois worked for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company before going overseas with the Canadian Red Cross in August of 1943. She was 23 years old.

Soon after her return to Canada, Lois married Canadian Naval Officer John (Jack) Cooper. They settled in North Bay, Ontario, where he worked with the Ontario Northland Railway. Jack and Lois took great pride and pleasure in their four daughters as they enjoyed so many activities as a family. In retirement in 1977 they bought a home in Cape Haze. The Coopers spent every winter here before moving to Sarasota, always returning each spring to North Bay and Trout Lake, Canada. Lois's husband Jack passed away in 1997. Two of Lois's daughters live in Sarasota and two live in Canada. Lois says she feels very lucky to have family in both places.



Thank you to Lillian Killaby for donating this book to our Community Library and thank you Ellie Wolthoff for the introduction to these remarkable "Cape Hazers".

Don't Miss the Fun!

Poker Run and Pizza Party

Saturday, April 2 - Start at 4:30 - Community Center - Pizza following about 5:45
Information and Reservations NOW to Hilary Dahms, 828-0447 or Clare Landmann, 697-8492

Women's Club Annual Luncheon and Officer Election

Monday, April 4 - Meet at 11:30 at Community Center to carpool to Coral Creek
Information and Reservations NOW to Sharon Blasdell, 697-4130

CHPOA Membership Meeting and "Bun" Appetite Dinner from the Grill

Saturday, April 9 - 4:00 Meeting with Dinner following - Community Center
Reservations by April 1 to Clare Landmann, 697-8492

Cape Haze Poker Run Coming!

SAVE THE DATE!
CAPE HAZE POKER RUN

Saturday, April 2, 2011

The Cape Haze Women's Club is sponsoring a neighborhood poker run to benefit the Community Center. This fun event begins at the Community Center at 4:30 p.m. Participants will receive directions and their first poker card. They will then proceed to four different locations in the neighborhood, picking up a playing card at each stop. Now for the fun part: the method of travel is up to the individual. You can run, bike, walk, drive your golf cart, carpool, rollerblade or whatever between stops, and then it's back to the Community Center where the person with the best 5-card hand will be



awarded 1/3 of the pot. Prizes will also be given for the 2nd and 3rd best hands.

The after party will feature pizza, beer, wine and soda and musical entertainment provided by our own **Gil Bricault**. All this fun is available for an entry fee of just **\$20 per person!** So come on out, enjoy a fun afternoon and evening and help support our new and improved Community Center. Just want to party and not do the Run? Non-players can join the fun for a \$10 fee to cover the cost of food and drink.

Reservations are a must! Otherwise, how will we know how much pizza to order? **Please call either Clare Landmann, 697-8492, or Hilary Dahms, 828-0447 by March 28.** See you there!

The Lemon Bay Rag Haulers

You don't have to be a sailor or even a motor boater, just have a love of the water and our environment, to join us at the Lemon Bay Rag Haulers. The boating-centered social club has been meeting at the Cape Haze Community Center monthly, in season, for the past 21 years! Those without boats can still enjoy our outings on other members' boats and some outings can be reached by land or water.

The Rag Haulers meet at the Community Center on the third Wednesday of the month, from September through May starting at 6:00 pm. Meetings are covered-dish affairs and usually feature a guest speaker on subjects of general interest. Guests or prospective members are welcome.

We have special meeting dinners, prepared by our cooking committee, including our annual corn beef and cabbage dinner, a hobo dinner and our annual

Christmas Party is held at the Oakland Hills Country Club. Regularly scheduled events include steak cookouts, auto trips to points of interest and water trips.

If you would like to attend a meeting or have questions, please call Commodore Dick Engel, (941) 223-1469 or Vice Commodore John Rigg, (941) 408-8415.

Dick Engel
Commodore



A Special Thank You

Have you noticed the clean, shiny windows at the Community Center? Thanks go to Sabrina's Gulf Coast Window Cleaning for donating their services and to Clare Landmann for arranging it all.

Cape Haze Women's Club

Our first "Souper" Saturday Supper, held after the January 20th CHPOA meeting, was a great success. Guests enjoyed a variety of eight different homemade soups, accompanied by artisan bread and rolls with Jello and finger cakes completing the meal. Julia Child and Bobbie Flay, move over—Cape Haze Women are bringing it on! Thanks, Mary Lou Fitzgerald, for coordinating our delicious meal.

In February, thirty-eight women invaded Palm Island in search of many interesting shells found on the beach. Lunch followed at the Rum Bay Restaurant. If you weren't able to attend this year, please watch for next year's annual event date. This is a very popular activity. Thanks, Karen Irvine, for planning such a lovely day.

Plantation Country Club hosted our Winter Celebration Dinner Dance. Only 30 people attended but WOW! what a great night was had by all. The evening began with a cocktail hour and great hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner and music and finally dancing. The *Electric Slide* was a big hit. Thanks Homer and Julie Hoe for leading the way. Stanley and Marilyn Friedenberg were honored for celebrating 60 years of service to the bar, and also for celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Also celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary are Don and Clare Landmann. Both couples were married on the same day. Enjoy your roses!! Thank you Shell Rieley for taking our pictures and thank you Nancy Buechler for a spectacular event.

Our March meeting had a nutrition program from Cheryl Clark and we all learned a lot about proper portion size and maintaining our energy throughout the day. We thank Cheryl for all the information and look forward to a continuation next year.

Don't miss our 1st Cape Haze Poker Run scheduled for Saturday, April 2. Festivities begin at 4:30pm at the Community Center. Pizza, wine, beer, and soda will be served about 5:45 at the Community Center after awarding prizes for the top three best poker hands. Registration is \$20 per person for players

(dinner included). Non-players may join us for dinner for \$10 per person. You must register and pay before March 28. We need to know the number of attendees to order food. Please call Clare Landmann, 697-8482, or Hilary Dahms, 828-0447.

The Annual CHW Luncheon and Election of Officers will take place on April 4 at the Coral Creek Club in Placida. The menu consists of soup, salad entrée, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$25 all inclusive. Call Sharon Blasdel, 697-4130.

Following the CHPOA Special Membership Meeting on April 9, we'll have a "Bun" Appetite Dinner. Hot dogs, brats, and kielbasa sausage will be done on the grill and accompanied by salads and dessert. Bring your own beverage and join us for a great picnic. Cost is \$10 per person with reservations by April 1 to Clare Landmann, 697-8492.

April 11 at 10:30 am at the Community Center, the Women will have a meeting to wrap up the season and plan the future. Let's close the snow bird season with great expectations of activities to come in the fall.

May's Friday Night Social (May 6) will be a Mexican celebration for Cinco de Mayo. There will be Mexican appetizers and beef and chicken fajitas. Meal includes one strawberry margarita. Cost is \$12 for meal and reservations must be made by April 29th. Please note that this social hour will be held on the first Friday of May. There will NOT be a social hour on May 13. Call Barbara Hanson, 828-7447, or Clare Landmann, 697-8492, for reservations. Come and say good-bye to our snowbird friends.

Remember \$20 annual dues for the January through December Women's Club activities. If you haven't joined yet, send your check to Cape Haze Women c/o Sharon Blasdel. Hope to see you at our social events and meetings – don't miss the fun!

Barbara Hanson
Women's Club President



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

- April 2** **Poker Run Fundraiser and Pizza Party**
4:30 PM - Start at Community Center
Reservations NOW - Hilary Dahms/Clare Landmann
- April 4** **Women's Club Annual Luncheon/Officer Election**
11:30 AM - Meet at Community Center
Carpool to Coral Creek Club for 12:00 Start
Reservations NOW - Sharon Blasdell
- April 9** **CHPOA Membership Meeting**
4:00 PM - Community Center
- April 9** **"Bun" Appetite Dinner**
Following CHPOA Meeting (about 6:00 PM)
Reservations by April 1 - Clare Landmann
- April 11** **Women's Club Wrap Up & Planning Meeting**
10:30 AM - Community Center (Note Time Change)
- April 12** **Book Club - *The Bread of Angels* by Saldana**
10:00 AM - Community Center
- May 6** **Cinco de Mayo Dinner (Replaces May 13 Social)**
5:00 - 7:00 PM - Community Center
Reservations by April 29 - Barbara Hanson
- May 10** **Book Club - *The Postmistress* by Blake**
10:00 AM - Community Center

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

Get to Know Your Neighbors and Community

Things don't just happen in our Community - Volunteers make them happen!

Common Areas are kept tidy and trimmed, Vacant Lots are mowed, Roadside is kept clean, Entrance and Fountain are maintained, Neighbors are kept Informed on County Plans/Action, Social Events are planned, Educational Programs are offered, Outings are available. And this is just part of what Cape Haze has to offer. When many people chip in, it makes little work and,
Yes—It's Fun!

Look over the activities presented and contact a CHPOA or Women's Club Member today
Keep your Community Great, Make it even Better. Don't be Left Behind !

“Notes” from CHPOA

Community Center Usage

The Community Center renovations included new carpeting and we know that “spills” are sometimes unavoidable. After much discussion, and to cover any necessary clean up or repair costs, every non-CHPOA sponsored event/group using the Community Center will be asked to deposit \$100 with the Scheduling Chair. This fee will be returned in full if no clean-up or repair is necessary.

As in the past, every event in the Community Center must be attended by the sponsoring CHPOA member. A detailed Clean Up Expectation List is posted inside the building near the kitchen and may be obtained from the Scheduling Chair.

The complete, amended Usage Policy is on our website, www.capehaze.org, and will be published in the new Directory coming out this Spring.

Thank you for your suggestions and cooperation in keeping our Community Center clean and maintained.

Jeanne Corbin, Scheduling Chair, 697-2274

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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.

**May Deadline is
May 9, 2011**

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Cape Haze Property Owners Association
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**CHPOA Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 9 at 4:00 PM**

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