



# The Fountain

Cape Haze Community Newsletter

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## CHPOA President's Column

I'm sure many of you have experienced the same thing Hilary and I have in the years since we moved to Cape Haze. Someone comes to visit and remarks: "This place is great, how did you find it?"

We certainly do have a very nice Community and your Board of Directors is working to assure that it is what you and we desire in a home town or winter retreat.

The focus of the spring members' meeting was "Image 2010", a program designed to continue the drive toward making sure that the amenities of Cape Haze are consistent with the nature of the Community and the desires of our residents. First, the members voted to approve Gil Bricault's committee's program to replace the entrance fountain. This will be followed by new "Cape Haze" signage at the north and south entrances. In addition we will work to assure that our Common Area Maintenance program keeps the Community looking good.

The next more ambitious plans seek ways to replace/upgrade our aging Community Center complex. If you would like to read more about "Image 2010" please e-mail me at [k2ykw@comcast.net](mailto:k2ykw@comcast.net) and I'll send you an electronic copy of the presentation in Microsoft Word format.

Pam Neer is working on the plans for the Community Center and would like some volunteers to help her in needs analysis and design thoughts. Please contact Pam directly.

Thanks to Peter Hayes' hard work, the pool is now working well and is open to all members.

Homer Hoe, our former president, has agreed to become our new web master and to reopen our website, [www.capehaze.org](http://www.capehaze.org), in the fall. This will help to assure better communication with our members and reduce our mailing costs.

With all the building proposed or in progress on the Cape Haze peninsula, I hope that all our full time residents will be alert over the summer to those developments which could negatively impact our way of life or our property values. Please let members of the board know of any such threats so we can, if necessary, mobilize resistance as we did with the boat ramp and the proposed high rise hotel. We can't prevent building consistent with applicable laws and statutes. but we can demand that the county assure complete code compliance and adequate infrastructure such as roads, sewers and water.

Finally, I can't close until I thank all the volunteers in the Community for their service. You all make this a better place to live.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you a very happy and hurricane-free summer.

Bill Dahms  
CHPOA President

## Clubhouse Damage

During this last season our Clubhouse suffered damage to both the building and to equipment stored there, and some decorative items have disappeared. Someone using the men's room left it in a deplorable condition, someone erased tapes used in aerobics classes, and the brass pots for the artificial trees are missing.

We do not have regular maid service, so please clean up after yourselves. If you or your guests cause any damage, please contact Jeanne Corbin at 697-2274 or Clare Landmann at 697-8492

Remember, an adult CHPOA member must attend all functions and take responsibility for the conduct of his/her guest/s. For safety and insurance reasons, children under 18 must always be accompanied, and supervised, by an adult CHPOA member when using the Clubhouse or Pool.

The Clubhouse and Pool are amenities available to all members of CHPOA and their guests, but it is also the responsibility of every member to care for these facilities as if they were financially responsible for them, which they are.

Clubhouse and Pool locks will be changed and new keys will be issued in the fall. We urge everyone to review the rules and procedures listed in the CHPOA directory and posted in the Clubhouse kitchen.

Thanks, in advance, for thinking of your fellow members when using the Clubhouse and helping to make it a place for everyone to enjoy.

## Book Review Club

The Book Club is open to all Cape Haze neighbors and we invite you to join us in the fall. We meet monthly in the Clubhouse, 10:00 am, the first Tuesday October through May (no meeting in January). The 2005-2006 schedule is:

October 4	<i>A Cup of Tea</i> by Amy Ephram,	led by Joye Scholten
November 1	<i>The Mermaid Chair</i> by Sue Monk Kidd	led by Jan Hayes
December 6	<i>The Coffee Trader</i> by David Liss	led by Nancy Buechler
February 7	<i>Faith and Betrayal</i> by Sally Denton	led by Betty Leach
March 7	<i>Welcome to the Great Mysterious</i> by Lorna Landvik	led by Jean Libby
April 4	<i>The Namesake</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri	led by Penny Rieley
May 2	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd	led by Clare Landmann



This year we had lively discussions and many readers discovered authors new to them. We didn't all love every book, but, we learned a lot and enjoyed the debate.

Members of the Book Club have posted some of our favorite books for summer reading on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Copies of the list are also available in the Clubhouse library.

*Pictured left to right: Jan Hayes, Joye Scholten, Clare Landmann, Jean Libby, Betty Leach - members of the Book Review Club*



*Cape Haze Boat Rendezvous  
The Flotilla heads to Useppa Island with Captain Bill Snyder at the helm*

## Join CHPOA and the Cape Haze Women's Club

Participate in your community by being part of the Cape Haze Property Owners Association (CHPOA). Know what's happening on our peninsula and in our neighborhood. Let your voice be heard as we move into the future.

Join us as we learn new skills, experience exciting events, and share good times. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and gain a sense of community.

For more information on joining CHPOA, please contact Karen Irvine, 697-8883.

Women's Club membership, due now, will remain at \$15 this year. Please remit your check to Cape Haze Women's Club, PO Box 690, Cape Haze FL.

Have a great summer and join us this fall for another wonderful season in Cape Haze.

## Successful Golf Outing

All the golfers reported having a wonderful time with fun competition.



The winning foursome was Homer and Julie Hoe with Mal and Mary Glidden. Pete and Jan Hayes, Hank Irvine, and Bev Martin tied with Bill and Mary Kupersmith, Don Landmann and Nancy Buechler for second place.

Those joining the golfers for dinner gave high marks to the festivities. If you missed it this time, you'll have another chance in October. Mark your calendars!



*Enjoying Useppa's Buffet Lunch left to right, Nancy Snyder, Bev Martin, Gale McGuane, Susan Butler*

# Cape Haze Women's Club

The Women's Club has enjoyed another active season under the able leadership of Penny Rieley, and I thank her for her dedication and effort.

Newly elected officers are Hilary Dahms, President; Jan Hayes, Vice President; Susan Butler, Secretary; and Pat Bricault, Treasurer.

In addition to our standing committees, Pat Sabourin and Mary Kupersmith will lead the Program Development Committee, with the goal of planning events and activities that will engage the entire CHOPA Community.

To this end, please be aware that all our board members welcome your suggestions and comments. Let's hear from you!

Plans for the 2005-2006 season include an early bird **golf outing on October 27<sup>th</sup>** and a **Halloween party on October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

We hope you'll have plenty of time over the summer to give some thought to your costumes and plan to join in the fun.

The official start of the social calendar is the **Welcome Back Cocktail Party on November 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Clubhouse. Join old friends, meet new neighbors and enjoy a fun, casual evening catching up on everyone's news.

We're very excited to be unveiling our new line of Cape Haze merchandise this evening. Golf shirts, hats, visors and tote bags, all with the Cape Haze logo, will be available to CHOPA members just in time for holiday gift-giving.

Speaking of holidays, mark your calendars and plan to celebrate at the **Holiday Dinner Dance on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club in Englewood.

Assorted hors d'oeuvres, a choice of three entrees and great music should make for a festive evening. Tickets will be \$50 per person, and reservations are a MUST. Invitations will be in the mail in early November.

The Clubhouse will be buzzing with our regular on-going activities beginning in October.

Karen Irvine will lead aerobic dance class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Ann Lallman will lead regular weekly yoga sessions starting in late December, exact dates to be announced.

Both Karen and Ann have many years of training and experience in their fields. We are fortunate to have such talented instructors volunteering their services to our Community!

Another new activity this past season was the Cape Haze Book Review Club. It meets at the Clubhouse on the first Tuesday of the month from October through May. The first title to be discussed will be *A Cup of Tea* by Amy Ephram. We hope you'll have a good read and join us for a stimulating exchange of ideas.

All regularly scheduled meetings and social events are listed in both the Cape Haze Resident Directory and in the blue Women's Club booklet. Upcoming events are also listed in *The Fountain*. Remember, all CHPOA members are welcome.

We have planned a few new things to go along with our traditional activities, so do take a look and plan to join us in the fall. Have a safe and pleasant summer!

Hilary Dahms, President  
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# Up-Coming Events

- October 4**            **Book Review — *A Cup of Tea***  
**10:00 AM — Clubhouse**
- October 27**           **Golf Outing**  
**TBA — Myakka Pines Golf Course**
- October 31**           **Halloween Party**  
**6:00 PM — Clubhouse**
- November 1**           **Book Review — *The Mermaid Chair***  
**10:00 AM — Clubhouse**
- November 19**        **CHPOA Special Membership Meeting**  
**10:00 AM — Clubhouse**  
**Coffee at 9:30 AM**
- November 19**        **Welcome Back Party**  
**6:00 PM — Clubhouse**
- November 19**        **Cape Haze Logo Items Available**  
**6:00 PM — Clubhouse**
- December 8**           **Holiday Dinner Dance**  
**6:00 PM — Boca Royale Country Club**

## Charlotte County Codes and Violations

During 2003, Charlotte County code compliance officers responded to 16,003 complaints, up from 3,465 in 2002. More violations are expected as the County continues to develop.

Charlotte County codes number in the thousands but the most common violations are not securing building permits, abandoned vehicles, unkempt lawns and junk in the yard. Code allows only one unlicensed vehicle in a driveway and it must appear operable. Grass lawns must be less than 12 inches high.

While 97% of the complaints require only initial and one follow-up visit, the remaining are the ones which generate the most grief. To ensure payment of fines the County will put a lien on a home. That may seem extreme for high grass, but it is sometimes necessary.

If you see a code violation, call 743-1247 or call the Compliance Supervisor, Erin Mullen-Travis, at 743-1206.

## *The Fountain*

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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.

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**2005-2006 Women's Club Membership Due**

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