

FISHLINES

F.I.S.H. of Sanibel, Inc.
Friends In Service Here of Sanibel
"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"
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Mobile Mammography Unit Assists F.I.S.H. Clients – Thank You to Zonta and Our Anonymous Donor

FISH was the recipient of a designated donation by an individual breast cancer survivor to assist uninsured female clients and low income female clients to have the opportunity to receive a mammogram paid from this private donation. The clients received the mammograms at the Radiology Regional Mobile Mammography Unit which was parked outside the Sanibel Post Office in November.

Nine clients received mammograms at that time. Several more FISH clients have since expressed their interest in obtaining a mammogram through this program.

FISH is sponsoring the Radiology Regional Mobile Mammography Unit's return to the island on March 1st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The unit will be located in the Bailey's Parking Lot. Mammograms will be available to all island residents who either have insurance or are able to pay a self pay fee of \$150.

FISH clients who are uninsured and who meet financial criteria will be able to receive a mammogram at no cost to them. The remaining funds of the designated donation given in October and a recent donation from the ZONTA

Women's Organization of Sanibel Island will be utilized to fund these mammograms and additional follow up testing if needed for uninsured, low income women.

During the November date, a FISH client was provided a mammogram due to her being uninsured and her income having met the criteria for assistance. She was especially grateful due to her "wishing for a lot of years to have a mammogram" due to her mother and grandmother both having been diagnosed with breast cancer. Her mother has since lost her battle with breast cancer.

This was clearly an instance when financial assistance to obtain a service for a client was of utmost importance both physically and psychologically. The client was thrilled to find that her tests were negative! She verbally expressed such great relief following having received the test results. We are grateful to the private donor and to the ZONTA Women's Organization of Sanibel who have allowed for our female clients to have the opportunity to access this testing insuring that they remain healthy!

Charity Golf Tournament – February 12th



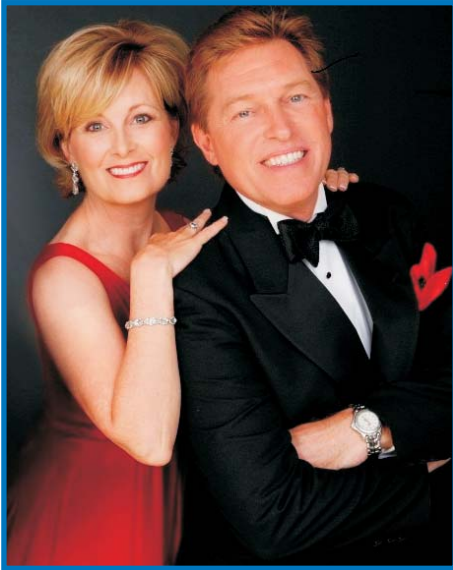
Mark your calendars for a special Charity Golf Tournament to benefit FISH and Blessings In A Backpack.

The event takes place on Sunday, February 12th at Beachview Golf Club

with an 8:30 shotgun start and lunch to follow. Two person scramble, \$85 per person. Sign Up Sheets are available at the WIC or by calling Beachview Golf club on 472.2626



Spirit of Broadway Comes to Sanibel to Benefit FISH



*Steve Amerson
 and
 Laurie Gayle
 Stephenson
 to Perform
 on Sanibel
 February 26th*

From Broadway & Carnegie Hall to Sanibel Island, Florida - a very special concert starring Broadway's Steve Amerson ('America's Tenor') and Laurie Gayle Stephenson (Christine in Phantom of the Opera) has been arranged and the whole community is invited to enjoy this magical experience.

This special concert, 'Spirit of Broadway', hosted by the Sanibel Community Church, will feature many of Broadway's best loved musical arrangements sung by these two world famous performers. This magical evening will take place on **February 26, at 6:00 PM** at the Sanibel Community Church Fellowship Hall. The concert tickets are free, but the Sanibel Community Church is asking the whole community to make a financial contribution during the concert to FISH.

Tickets are going very fast - limited to 450 tickets in the Fellowship Hall and a further 300 tickets will be available for a video relay of this special concert to the Sanctuary. We have an allocation of tickets, but they will be given on a first come, first serve basis so please call either Maggie Goldsmith or Lyn Kern at 472-4775 as soon as possible at the WIC to arrange pick up of the tickets.

February/March Groups and Workshops

We have a busy series of workshops at the Walk In Center during February and March. Each of our workshops is designed to help and educate our clients and anyone in the community who would like to participate. If you know someone whom you think would benefit from attending one of our workshops, please let them know about the dates and times or ask them to look on our website www.fishofsanibel.com for the latest information. Our workshops include:

- **Thursday, February 2nd from 1:00 pm to 3:00: pm** Budgeting Class at the FISH Walk In Center with Celia Hill, Home Economist Open to the whole community
- **Friday, February 10th 9:00 to 2:00 pm:** Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Free assistance preparing 2011 taxes for those with total earnings less than \$50,000 in 2011. Please call Christine at the FISH WIC to reserve a time slot to meet with an IRS trained volunteer for tax assistance. Open to the whole community
- **Monday, February 6th and Monday, February 27th 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Mom's Group of the Islands meets at the FISH WIC for Fun, Education, and Fellowship. All mothers of children ages birth to 5 years are encouraged to attend either with their children or during their Mom's morning out. Open to the whole community
- **Thursday, March 1st 9am to 1 pm** FISH is sponsoring the Radiology Regional Mobile Mammography Unit to provide Mammograms for island women without a prescription. The unit will be parked in the Bailey's parking lot. Mammograms are available for a fee of \$150.

Any island woman who does not have insurance or the funds to pay to obtain a mammogram can be assisted by FISH to have a mammogram free of charge, based upon a review of their financial need. A designated grant to FISH allows this monetary assistance for women to obtain a mammogram and a portion of their follow-up care if found to have health concerns identified during their mammogram. Please call Christine at the WIC to schedule a mammogram appointment March 1st if either self pay, insured, or if requiring FISH assistance due to financial need - Open to the whole community.

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Praise For Our Unsung Sanibel Heroes - Dr. Edward LaMotta, Dr. Lyle Hotchkiss and Reggie Mathai

For many years, Dr Edward LaMotta, Dr. Lyle Hotchkiss, and Reggie Mathai Pharmacist/Owner of the Island Pharmacy have been assisting FISH clients in need of medical care, dental care, and medications on a pro bono basis. Often, if an individual requires care and does not have any insurance privately or through the State of Florida, these three gentlemen have been providing pro bono care and assistance for qualified FISH clients in need.



Dr. LaMotta has been providing medical care for FISH clients on a pro bono basis for several years. He and his staff have spent hundreds of hours providing medical care. Dr. LaMotta and his staff have assisted many needy clients and they continue to provide professional, quality care for the uninsured, needy in our community.



Dr. Hotchkiss has been providing dental services to many on Sanibel and Captiva for many years. He and his wife Cookie have provided quality dental treatment on a pro bono basis for several clients of FISH. They are always happy to assist clients in need and provide necessary dental care for many who are experiencing serious dental concerns.

Reggie Mathai, Pharmacist/Owner of the Island Pharmacy, has provided help to FISH clients who lack medical insurance and cannot afford to purchase necessary medications as prescribed by their physician. Reggie has assisted many island residents with necessary medications for adults and children in need. His help has made the difference for many who could not afford to purchase medications that they must have to fight illness or to maintain their daily health.



FISH would like to extend our appreciation to these three men for all they have done to assist our clients and their families to access the medical, dental, and pharmaceutical help necessary for them to experience increased health and productivity. Words could never express our sincere gratitude for their generosity.

WIC & FOOD PANTRY HOURS
OCTOBER through MAY
MONDAY-FRIDAY 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
F.I.S.H. of Sanibel, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Provider



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Cordially Invites You to Attend the
**Annual Meeting and
 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon**
TUESDAY, February 28, 2012
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.
 at The SANCTUARY Golf Club
 2801 Wulfert Road, Sanibel Island

R.S.V.P. by February **17**, 2012 to
 Jacque Cramer 395-1954 jrcramer11@comcast.net
F.I.S.H. of Sanibel, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



FISH Expands Friendly Faces – Now Two Lunches Each Month

The FISH Friendly Faces lunch was established nearly 30 years ago and today FISH clients, volunteers and friends still come together for a monthly lunch, giving everyone an opportunity to meet up with old friends, meet new friends and chat about how life is going for them.

After many years of coordinating the Friendly Faces luncheon, Gillian and David Bath have decided to retire. Gillian and David provided a wonderful service by coordinating monthly lunches for the community, and they will be greatly missed. Thank you, Gillian and David, for contributing to the success of Friendly Faces and for all of your hard work!

Following the success of these lunches, guests started asking if it would be possible to meet more frequently, as they were a great boost to morale for everyone who attended and lots of fun. Bill Fellows, President of FISH, and Maggi Feiner, Executive Director, proposed to the Board of FISH that an additional date be added monthly and the Board heartily approved.

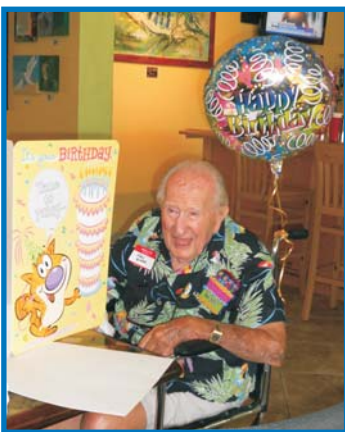
*Gillian Bath
 accepts
 Certificate of
 Appreciation
 for
 Gillian and
 David Bath
 from
 Maggi Feiner,
 Executive
 Director*



FISH will now host Friendly Faces lunches on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and also the last Thursday of the month, both at 11:30 a.m. The whole community is invited to join us. Please call Maggi Goldsmith at the FISH Walk-in Center, three days before the date, to reserve a spot at one of these popular lunches.

The next Friendly Faces lunch will take place on Tuesday, February 14th at 11:30 at George & Wendy's Sanibel Seafood Grille, corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road.

Farewell To Dear Fred Glazer



Fred Glazer's 97th Birthday

Fred Glazer, a man who was filled with a love of life and good friends in the Sanibel community, passed away on Sunday, January 07, 2012. Fred was 97 years old and was a much loved FISH client for many years.

As an only child born to Russian immigrant parents, Fred grew up in New York City happily playing soccer and stick ball, as well as excelling in math at school. He graduated from NYU at 19 with a BA degree and then spent five years in the Army.

Fred and his wife Helen moved from Huntington, Long Island to Sanibel in the early 1980s. Fred's love of boats led him to search and rescue work with the Coast Guard, and with two friends he began to volunteer with FISH as the organization developed. Both Fred and Helen also served on the FISH Board of Directors. Sadly, after 53 years of marriage, Helen passed away in 1999. However, the loss of Helen, getting older and health issues still did not daunt Fred as his spirit remained positive and humorous.

Fred celebrated his 97th birthday with friends at the FISH Friendly Faces monthly luncheon, and continued to be an attendee at the luncheon through December, 2011.

Fred's charm and smiling face will be greatly missed by all.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Jim Levy

Jim Levy was born in Louisville, Kentucky and left his hometown at the age of 17 to join the Marine Corps and served during World War II. He was stationed in the Pacific and, when he returned

home, joined his family's specialty store business. His next 30 years were filled with marriage, children two boys and a girl and running his stores. He also bred Shetland ponies and later the kept quarter horses.

Jim first vacationed on Sanibel in 1967 and finally retired there in 1979 where he became an integral part of the community. Over the years, he has been a director at CROW and SCCF, and a member of the "Ding" Darling Citizens' Advisory Council. Jim also gave 10 years to the planning commission, 12 to the vegetation committee and 3 to the library board. He worked as a realtor and relaxed by boating and fishing. Jim also became involved with FISH as a telephone duty volunteer, where he continues to be a vital link in the chain of care by providing phone coverage at least twice a month.

When he is not too busy, Jim enjoys playing bridge, reading, raising guppies and attending the FISH Friendly Faces luncheon.

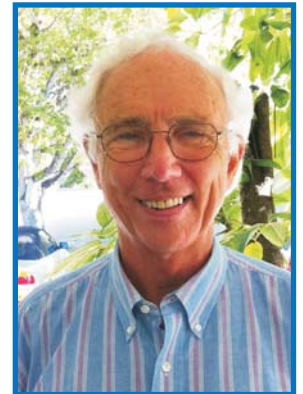
NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING and REFRESHER SESSION

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011
 10 A.M. - CALL WIC TO SIGN UP**

The refresher is for anyone who would like to brush up on or learn the "how to" parts of a volunteer service FISH provides.

Meet Your Board

We welcome our newest FISH Board Member, **DR. ADAIR HEATH**, who joined the Board of FISH in January this year. Adair, who has been volunteering his professional services for various FISH clients for the past year, became



involved at FISH through a suggestion from John Pryor whom he knows through the Rotary Club and St. Michael and All Angels Church. In addition, Adair serves as Secretary of Sanibel-Captiva Rotary and on the Board of NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Lee County.

Dr. Heath graduated from Stanford University in 1962 and Stanford Medical School in 1964. His specialty is Child/Adolescent Psychiatry and he was the first Board Certified Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist in 1971 in Portland, ME. His career has been in Public Psychiatry, seeking to provide access to quality mental health services to all people regardless of income, education, race, and religion or life orientation.

He and his wife Carol currently live in Lexington Country Club in Fort Myers, but are on Sanibel often. Prior to moving to the Fort Myers area, Adair and his wife spent 26 years in Maine, where they raised their two children. In 1996 Adair and Carol moved to Tasmania, where he continued his career, and later to Brisbane, where they spent 10 years and became Australian citizens. The birth of the first of their two grandchildren brought them back to the United States.

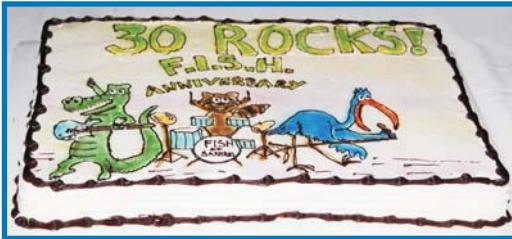
Adair enjoys winter camping, which he has done for over 40 years, hiking, backpacking, swimming, fly fishing and kayaking. Carol enjoys volunteering at Noah's Ark and is also a Hospice volunteer, as is their dog, Tassie, who is a pet therapy animal.

FISH Turns 30 - What A Great Celebration!



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Happy Anniversary, F.I.S.H.!



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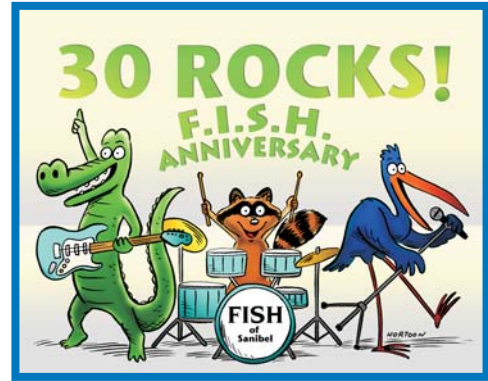


City Declares January 30th F.I.S.H. of Sanibel 30 ROCKS! Day



Pictured are FISH Executive Director Maggi Feiner and FISH Board Director Clair Beckman receiving the City Proclamation from Mayor Kevin Ruane

The City of Sanibel and City Council declared that January 30th will be FISH of Sanibel 30 Rocks! Day and read a proclamation outlining the role that FISH plays to citizens of Sanibel.



Tom Uhler, the auctioneer for the evening, welcomes one and all to 30 ROCKS!

FISH Turns 30 - What A Great Celebration!

What a magnificent 30th anniversary FISH enjoyed at the special 'Community Open House' held on January 30th at the WIC. So many familiar faces, such delicious food and such all around good fun- it was a real pleasure to be a part of the FISH 30th anniversary celebrations.

More than 300 people chatted, ate sumptuous food - donated by our generous local restaurants and grocery stores - and everyone had a great time. Representatives from the City, Councilors, local businesses, other charities, members of the Sanibel and Captiva community and many of the FISH 200 volunteers were in attendance, making it a very busy, lively, exciting event.

Tom Uhler roused the crowd to raise funds for the FISH Food Pantry in the Islands' first Paddle Raiser. We were delighted that the event raised

needed funds to help keep our Food Pantry stocked throughout the year.

The 30 ROCKS created by talented local artists, and seen in newspapers over the past eight weeks, went to their silent auction highest bidders. The rocks were paired with some amazing auction packages donated by local businesses and individuals, ranging from plane rides to golf packages to gift certificates for local restaurants and cruises that lucky bidders won after spirited bidding.

Everyone commented on the great spirit of generosity and fun that was buzzing throughout the evening - it really was a fantastic night.

There are so many people we need to thank for making this a special event and for helping to make FISH the organization that it has been for more than 30 years on Sanibel and Captiva.

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It was a pleasure to welcome and thank our **30 Honorees** - without whom FISH would not be the organization we are today. These are the people who over the past 30 years have been generous with their time, their professional skills and their passion. They have enabled FISH to make a social investment in our community ensuring that Sanibel and Captiva neighbors can help their neighbors to live an independent life with dignity. We thank you all:



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| 1. Francis Bailey | 11. Helen and Fred Glazer | 21. Topper (Elizabeth) Schram |
| 2. Bailey's General Store | 12. Virginia Green | 22. Hazel and Ed Schuller |
| 3. Gloria Baker | 13. Sandy Houck | 23. Diane Shepard |
| 4. Marianne Bechhold | 14. Eileen and Eben Joy | 24. Flo and Dick Stein |
| 5. Marilyn and Trump Bradley | 15. Kathleen and Abe Lerner | 25. Warren Stringer |
| 6. Tom Bucher | 16. Mary Anne McCormick | 26. Charlene Timothy |
| 7. Norman Bowles | 17. Phyllis McKinsey | 27. Judy and John Weinsettle |
| 8. City of Sanibel | 18. Jo and Bill Mullen | 28. Margaret and Al White |
| 9. City of Sanibel Police Department | 19. Val Pool | 29. JoAnn Wigglesworth |
| 10. Elinor and Hal Dunham | 20. Nancy and Ed Rand | 30. Tom Wiley |



We would like to thank our talented and generous artists for giving us such a wonderful artistic backdrop to our 30th anniversary celebration. **Our great Artists are:**



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| 1. Matt Asen | 16. Jose Leal |
| 2. Pat Baker | 17. Charles Lister |
| 3. Jaye Boswell | 18. Geri Much |
| 4. Lisa Brown | 19. Kim Nealon |
| 5. CC Caldwell | 20. Karen Richardson |
| 6. Marcy Calkins | 21. Carol Rosenberg |
| 7. Luc Century | 22. Susan Sadler |
| 8. Jerry Churchill | 23. Vreni Scheu |
| 9. Susie Cronin | 24. Phyllis Sharp |
| 10. Jean Eaton | 25. Rita Skoczen |
| 11. Randon Eddy | 26. Pat Smart |
| 12. Terence Galvin | 27. Josh Stewart |
| 13. Neil Glaser | 28. Jeremiah Thomas |
| 14. Jane Hudson | 29. Betty Weise |
| 15. Carolyn Johns | 30. John and Martha Wolf |

FISH Turns 30 - What A Great Celebration!

We would like to say a special thanks to **Live Auction Donors Lily & Co.** for the beautiful Amazonite and Diamonds necklace and to **Luc Century** for the beautiful work of art he created to commemorate our 30th Anniversary. Their

generous donations helped us raise funds to ensure that the FISH food pantry will be stocked with nutritious food throughout the year and most especially in summer months when donations suffer as snow birds head home.

Lily & Co. Donates Beautiful Necklace



Lily & Co Donates Amazonite and Diamond Necklace

The beautiful Blackened Sterling Silver Amazonite and Diamond necklace, donated by the very generous FISH supporter, Lily & Co, was deemed by everyone to be the most beautiful auction item at the FISH 30 Rocks! event. Karen Bell and Kimberly DeVito were on hand to cheer on the bidders and are very proud to continue to support FISH's efforts.

Luc Century Donates Beautiful Rock



This delicate fish, etched in a stone from Maine, was generously donated by FISH supporter Luc Century. The winner also will enjoy a tour of Luc's studio, where he makes his amazing creations, as well as lunch with Luc who has many tales to tell about his work from the Vietnam Memorial to his FGCU installations.

This wonderful rock is sure to invite conversation and enjoyment for its new owner for many years to come.

Chuck Bergstrom Donates Two Theater Tickets

A last minute auction item was two GREAT seats to the sensational musical "Jersey Boys" playing at the Barbra B. Mann Theatre. These were graciously donated by long time FISH supporter, Chuck Bergstrom.



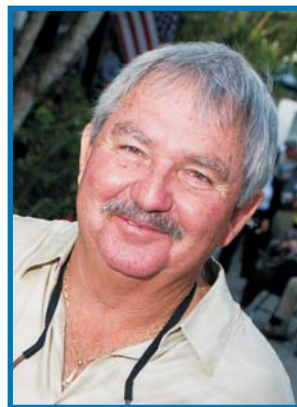
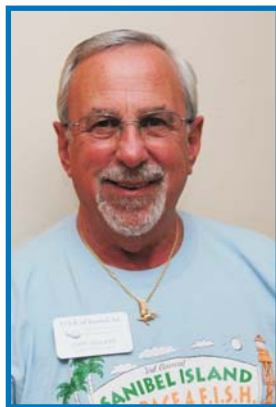
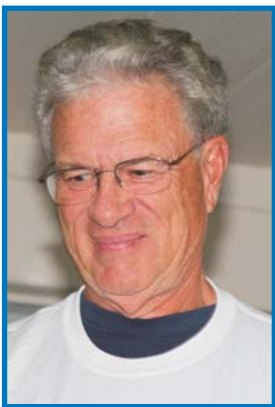
Maryanne Daly shows the necklace as Tom Uhler listens for bidders in the crowd. Maggi Feiner in the background.

FISH Turns 30 - What A Great Celebration!

Thank you to all the island businesses and organizations that supported FISH by donating some excellent Silent Auction items we thank you for making this such a successful event.

Our Silent Auction donors are:

- Ace Hardware
- Adventures in Paradise
- The Baitbox
- Beachview Golf and Tennis Club
- Best Western Hotels
- BIG Arts
- Billy's Rentals
- Blue Giraffe
- The Bubble Room
- Captain Joey Burnsed
- Captiva Cruises
- Kay Casperson
- Chip's Sanibel Steakhouse
- The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club
- Jerry Edelman
- Gramma Dot's
- The Grog Shop
- Augustina Holtz
- IL Cielo
- The Inns of Sanibel
- Island Cinema
- The Island Cow
- Island Therapy Center
- The Jacaranda
- Bruce Jorgensen
- The Jorgensen Group Realty
- KeyWest Express
- Keylime Bistro
- Deborah and John LaGorce
- Jim LaVelle
- Lighthouse Café
- MacIntosh Books & Paper
- Captain Matt Mitchell
- Norm Ziegler's Fly Shop
- René's Fine Jewelry
- The Sanctuary Golf Club
- The Sanibel Café
- San-Cap Chamber of Commerce
- Sanibel Island Book Shop
- Sanibel Spirits
- Sanibel Thriller Cruises
- Segway of Sanibel
- South Seas Island Resort
- Stroemer and Company
- The Stone Crab
- Sundial Beach & Golf Resort
- Sweet Melissa's
- Tarpon Bay Explorers
- The Timbers
- Time to Make Wine
- Trader's Café and Store
- Tween Waters Inn
- Twilight Café
- Victoria's Place
- Zebis, Inc.
- Zumba by Evette Zurbriggen



A huge thank you goes also those great restaurant and grocery stores on Sanibel and Captiva who donated the delicious food we all enjoyed – you made it a very special event. Thank you, **Refreshment**

Donors:

- Bailey's General Store
- Cip's Place
- Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille
- The Island Cow
- Island Pizza Company
- The Jacaranda
- Jerry's Foods
- Keylime Bistro
- Lazy Flamingo
- The Timbers
- Traditions on the Beach



Island Pizza Co. comes bearing PIZZA!

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We would also like to thank the following **Supporters**, without whom our 30th celebrations would not have been possible – thank you all for your generous support of FISH.

Anchor Pointe Center
 The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum
 Bank of the Islands
 Dan Hahn Custom Builders
 Joan Good
 Chris Hionedes, DDS
 Jerry's Foods
 Island Sun
 Islander/Island Reporter
 Richard Johnson

Billy Kirkland
 Kiwanis Club of Sanibel-Captiva Islands
 Meg McCurry
 Pfeiffer Realty
 John Talmage
 Dave Horton - Mr. Hortoon
 Island Graphics
 Roz Sangiacomo - Island Rentals
 Sanibel Community House (SCA)
 Tom Uhler



And finally, the event would not have been the huge success it was without the tireless work of the **30 ROCKS! Committee**. FISH would like to say a special thank you to the Chair, Clair Beckmann, who developed the 30 Rocks! concept and brought together a team of dedicated and hard working volunteers to make it such a special occasion.



Clair Beckmann, Chair 30 ROCKS!

Clair Beckmann, Chair
 Dick Cohan
 Blanaid Colley
 Jacque Cramer
 Liz Clark

Dorothy Donaldson
 Jerry Edelman
 Maggi Feiner
 Bill Fellows
 Jim LaVelle

John Morse
 John Pryor
 Lynn Ridlehoover
 Chip Specht
 Sharon Thomas



John Morse & John Pryor



*Isaac Bender, Michael Stupano,
 David Wright, Sam Roberts*



Carol & Adair Heath



*Genny Gray, Christine Swiersz,
 Marilu Simmons*

**Many more wonderful photos from the 30 ROCKS! Anniversary Celebration
 may be viewed at — www.fishofsanibel.com**