

November 2009 Monthly Board Report—

Public Relations

General

Meeting was held at Daly Zilch at 4:00 PM November 16th. Attending were Jacky Morisset, Carl Petersen and Susan Stewart.

Public Awareness

- **Events**

The entire meeting was devoted to planning the Christmas parades in Crystal River and Inverness. There were some very good ideas exchanged with everyone taking part in discussion. We will be using a Tarp to protect the house during transport to the parade locations. This will cut down the time needed to “fix” fragile parts of the decorations. We will have 2 small children and to pre teen kids dressed in either pirate or animal costumes, depending on the parade. The main exhibit will be able to depict a jungle or a pirate lair. Plans are still without a driver for the truck pulling the float. Linda Daly will allow us to use her facility to house the float for decoration and storage purposes. Carl and Jacky are in charge of the greenery. Committee will meet the Thursday before the parade to decorate. We have pirate and animal accessories for the children to wear. Strawberry Festival will stay the same as last year, selling dog cookies. This did well last year so why mess with success.

- **Public Speaking Opportunities**

Lois is still trying to address the employees at Lowes and hopefully will be able to get a time before the January orientation. Lois and Terry met with the Catholic Deanery to see if they could get into the “fold” in some way. It looks like they will be donating a piece of property as a result of the meeting and hopefully it will be the first of many.

Lois spoke to the Beverly Hills Homeowners Association, as well as the Raise the Roof Choir event put on by the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness. This was a fundraiser to help fund their washers and dryers for 2010.

We finally heard back from Keller and Williams Real Estate to see if they can be involved in a Habitat Build in some way, either by working on a home or sponsoring something to do with a home. This is in the early stages, but at least a dialog has started.

CFCC will be presenting to their board participation with Habitat in a build for January in 2010. If the idea appeals to them, it may become an annual event.

- **Volunteer Picnic**

Attended by 150 people. Habitat awareness ribbons were handed out and were a big hit.