

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

to the family and friends of Grace Amodeo



Grace served as the Secretary of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee and has been a member of the CRA since November 1995. She was a friend and advocate for the redevelopment of Charlotte Harbor.

A native of upstate New York, Grace moved to Charlotte County some 30 years ago after her husband Paul retired. Grace past on December 20th at the Tidewell Hospice House as a result of injuries from a car accident. She is survived by her husband, Paul; and sons, Paul Jr. and Lee.

Her contribution and dedication to the community will be severely missed.



## Welcome to Charlotte County Economic Development Office Newsletter

Please enjoy your copy of the Charlotte County Economic Development Office Newsletter. If you need any further information, please feel free to contact our office at 941-764-4941 or at [FloridaEDO@charlottefl.com](mailto:FloridaEDO@charlottefl.com).

## Hands Across the Harbor January 26, 2013

Participants can choose a 10 or 20 mile bike ride; an 8K competitive run; or a 5K walk. This event benefits the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) which is focused on promoting environmental conservation, protection, and preservation of Charlotte Harbor.

Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. with the event starting at 8:00 a.m. at Bayshore Live Oak Park. Runners, Walkers, and Bike Riders are invited to participate in the event. The



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1 - EDO Closed for New Years

January 3 - ECEC Meeting (Call for Information)

January 7 - Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee Meeting 11 AM, Room 119

January 15 - Suncoast Technology Forum Luncheon, Polo Bar & Grill, Lakewood Ranch, 11:30 - 1 PM

route begins at Bayshore Live Oak Park in Charlotte Harbor and takes the participants over the US41 Gilchrist Bridge into downtown Punta Gorda with the finish back at Bayshore Live Oak Park. Early Registration Fee is \$19 (\$14 for Students with valid Student ID) until January 23, 2013. Same day registration is \$24 (\$16 for Students). Breakfast, awards, door prizes, raffle prize tickets and entertainment are all included. The first 300 Registered Participants will receive a Hands Across the Harbor T-shirt.

CareHere will be awarding wellness "healthies" (points) for Charlotte County employees who participate (details will be announced soon)!

Visit [www.handsacrosstheharbor.com](http://www.handsacrosstheharbor.com) to register or for more info.

## Roland Eastwood Planner of the Year

Debrah Forester, AICP and Charlotte County Redevelopment Manager, is the recipient of the 2012 Roland Eastwood Planner of the Year award, presented by the Promised Lands Section of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association. Ms. Forester was honored for her dedication and contribution to the Planning Profession in Southwest Florida.

## Brazil Consulate

On December 6th, Kay Tracy, Charlotte County Business Development Specialist, and member of the Florida Gulf Coast / Brazil Chamber of Commerce, was invited to join the Consulate General of Brazil in Miami for a presentation of the 2013 Calendar of The Main Trade Fairs in Brazil, given by UBRAFE - Brazilian Union of Trade Fairs. While there, Tracy met with other trade partners and government officials to discuss international procurement and logistics, commerce, and the possibility of collaborating a trade mission to Brazil.

## Enterprise Zone

The Charlotte County Enterprise Zone Application was submitted to the Department of Economic Development for review and approval of the designation. The adopted Enterprise Zone Development Plan is available online at [www.floridasinnovationcoast.com](http://www.floridasinnovationcoast.com). Once approved the Enterprise Zone designation will provide additional incentives for companies locating or expanding in the designated area.

January 16 - IDA Meeting  
Noon at the EDO  
Conference Room 504

January 21- EDO Closed for  
Martin Luther King Day

January 26 - Hands Across  
the Harbor

February 4 - Charlotte  
Harbor CRA Advisory  
Committee Meeting 11 AM,  
Room 119

February 7 - ECEC Meeting  
(Call for Information)

February 18 - EDO Closed  
for President's Day

February 19 - Suncoast  
Technology Forum  
Luncheon, Polo Bar & Grill,  
Lakewood Ranch, 11:30 - 1  
PM

February 20 - IDA Meeting  
Noon at the EDO  
Conference Room 504

March 4 - Charlotte Harbor  
CRA Advisory Committee  
Meeting 11 AM, Room 119

March 7 - ECEC Meeting  
(Call for Information)

March 19 - Suncoast  
Technology Forum  
Luncheon, Polo Bar & Grill,  
Lakewood Ranch, 11:30 - 1  
PM

March 20 - IDA Meeting  
Noon at the EDO  
Conference Room 504

April 1 - Charlotte Harbor  
CRA Advisory Committee  
Meeting 11 AM, Room 119

April 4 - ECEC Meeting (Call  
for Information)

April 16 - Suncoast

## Suncoast Technology Forum

Kay Tracy, Charlotte County Economic Development Business Development Specialist, was presented an award on December 18th, by Mathew Anderson, Chairman of the Suncoast Technology Forum at their December meeting at the HUB in Sarasota. The award was in appreciation for her 2012 contribution as board director. She, recently accepted another year to represent Charlotte County as an STF director in 2013. Tracy explained, "The Suncoast Technology Forum is a good organization that promotes and supports technology businesses in the region. Organizations like STF strengthens the opportunity to attract and expand businesses who are looking to hire high wage talent in communities like Charlotte County."

Technology Forum  
Luncheon, Polo Bar & Grill,  
Lakewood Ranch, 11:30 - 1  
PM

April 17 - IDA Meeting Noon  
at the EDO Conference  
Room 504

May 2 - ECEC Meeting (Call  
for Information)

May 6 - Charlotte Harbor  
CRA Advisory Committee  
Meeting 11 AM, Room 119

May 15- IDA Meeting Noon  
at the EDO Conference  
Room 504

May 21 - Suncoast  
Technology Forum  
Luncheon, Polo Bar & Grill,  
Lakewood Ranch, 11:30 - 1  
PM

May 27 - EDO Closed for  
Memorial Day

June 6 - ECEC Meeting  
(Call for Information)

June 19 - IDA Meeting Noon  
at the EDO Conference  
Room 504

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