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Biggest Losers 7 Partner:
Dr. Laura Korman,
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Complete details on page 9



Team *Thin to Win* was the first place winner in Biggest Losers 6. From left, Robert Blake, Dan Staples, Jeremy Davis, Nick Sorbino. The three winning teams split over \$2,000 in prize money.

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Volunteers Needed!

The Cultural Center's needs change almost daily. We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Drivers for our transportation program.
- Volunteers at the Fitness Salon.
- Volunteers for Bingo.
- Volunteers to assist with gardening and custodial work.
- Cashiers needed for food and clothing departments.
- Volunteers for miscellaneous kitchen work.
- Volunteer registrars in the Learning Place office.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please visit the Volunteer Office or call 941-625-4175, ext. 260.

Volunteer Cashiers Needed

Do you have cashier experience?

Are you friendly and enjoy speaking with and helping people?

Do you have some time to spare and would like to help your community?

If your answer is YES to these questions, WE NEED YOU!

Our volunteer cashiers enjoy helping the public. Pictured is volunteer Ruth Ewen assisting patron Nan Schaaf with a purchase in the Trash and Treasure clothing department.

Ruth says, "I enjoy working as a cashier for several reasons. First, it gets you out of the house and gives you the opportunity to interact with others. The Center is a pleasant place to be; I see old friends and make new ones. Plus, it feels good to help an organization that serves our community." We appreciate your hard work and service to the Cultural Center, Ruth.

We also need cashiers in the Trash and Treasure furniture and housewares departments and in



the Gift Shop. The Midtown Deli Café also need cashiers, so there are a variety of work areas to select from.

To learn more, please phone 941-625-4175 ext. 259 to arrange a tour and interview.

Volunteers: Please stop by the Volunteer Office at your earliest convenience and update your contact information.

Our Trustees are volunteers, too



Geoff Lorah, Treasurer

Geoff and his wife Mary moved to Charlotte County from Pennsylvania in 1981. Geoff has been a CPA since 1977, and first worked for Punta

Gorda Isles, Inc. as assistant treasurer and comptroller. In 1989 he returned to public accounting, joining Eddie Webb in a practice that is now known as Webb, Lorah & Company, P.L., CPAs.

An active Rotarian for 25 years, Geoff is a member of the Rotary Club of Harbor Heights-Peace River. He served as treasurer of the Charlotte Local Education Foundation for 18 years and has been involved with the Florida International Air Show for more than 20 years.

Geoff has been a member of the Cultural Center's Board of Trustees since 2004. Asked about his involvement with the Cultural Center, Geoff said, "For those who are able, I believe giving back to the community is important, and because of the Cultural Center's mission and multitude of programs for Charlotte County citizens, it is an honor for me to serve with the other Trustees of this wonderful organization."



Dr. Pierre "P.J." Fisher, Director

Dr. Pierre James Fisher, Jr., known as "P J" to his friends and peers, grew up in Marion, Indiana and married his high school sweetheart Carol; they have three sons and a daughter.

Dr. Fisher received his medical degree from Indiana University in 1956 and is board certified in general surgery.

P.J. and Carol have been residents of the Port Charlotte area since 1987. He considers the Cultural Center to be one of the finest such facilities in the country and eagerly accepted an invitation (in 2005) to become a member of the Board of Trustees. He was recently selected as a Director.

P.J. feels very strongly that people should exercise regularly to keep their bodies in tone; the Cultural Center's Fitness Salon makes it easy to do this. He also recommends continuing education to exercise the mind, and suggests taking advantage of the many opportunities The Learning Place has to offer.

saturday Mega Clothing Sale!

All Clothing! Buy One, Get One Free

2nd item must be of equal or lesser value
Sale good on May 28, 2011 and June 4, 2011
Does not include items in the Gift Shop



Upscale clothes, bargain prices!



The Trash and Treasure Boutique shop offers great values on name brand clothing and accessories.

Visit all of our unique shopping areas! Books, Clothing, Boutique, Housewares, Furniture, Electronics and the Gift Shop!

We depend on your donations!

Without your help, the Cultural Center would not exist. By donating unwanted items to us, we can serve our community in many ways. All we ask is that the items be reasonably clean and in working condition. Items we have the greatest need for are:

- Antiques and Collectables
- Housewares and Furniture
- Televisions and DVD Players
- Audio, Home Theater & related electronics
- 35mm Photo Equipment
- Name brand clothing
- Sets of china and plates
- Used plastic shopping bags; we can re-use them in our shops!



Smaller items can be delivered to our Receiving Dock, located on the Stillwater Avenue side of the Center, from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Larger pieces can be picked up by our truck without charge by calling 625-4175, ext. 226.

Recycle your old Cell Phone!

Donate your inactive cell phones to us. We can recycle these phones for you, with the proceeds helping the Cultural Center. Bring your inactive cell phone to any of our Trash and Treasure Shops. Please do not bring chargers or other accessories. For more information, call us at 941-625-4175, ext. 226.



Donations needed for Christmas in July Bazaar

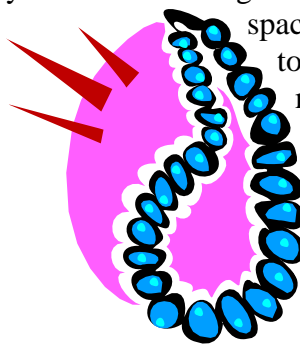
Nice non-Christmas items needed

The *Christmas in July Bazaar*, to be held on July 8-10, 2011 has been part of the Cultural Center's annual schedule for over 40 years. A variety of events are planned this year, including a special sale of donated items in Centennial Hall. Unfortunately, our inventory is a bit low, so we are asking for your help to make this sale a success.



Now is the time to clean out your closet! If you find some new or like-new gift items (like a set of beverage glasses you received as a gift that you never liked or used), you can regain closet space and help the Cultural Center by donating them to us. If the item is boxed, this is even better—many will buy these items as gifts for others. Jewelry is also popular with our customers.

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Chicken, Mandarin Orange & Pecan Salad	\$6.00
Large Chef's Salad	\$6.00
Cobb Salad (pictured at bottom right)	\$6.00
Wedge Salad	\$6.00
Stuffed Tomato Salad (pictured at top right) (choice of Seafood, Chicken, Egg or Tuna)	\$6.00
Greek Salad	\$6.00
Other salads available from \$2.00	

Breakfast is served Monday thru Saturday from 8 am to 10:30 am

Lunch is served Monday through Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm.

Sunday Dinner is served from 11 am to 2 pm and features Carved Prime Rib and all the extras for just \$10 per person.

Weekdays: In addition to our new deli menu and salads, our chef offers one or more traditional hot entrées and two delicious soups.

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Call ahead at 625-4175, ext. 249

Father's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 19th

11 am to 2 pm, \$10 plus tax

Selections include:

- Prime Rib Carving Station
- Ed's BBQ Ribs
- BBQ Chicken
- Fresh Garden Salad
- Two Homemade Soups
- Assortment of Vegetables & Side Dishes
- Variety of Desserts
- Coffee, Iced Tea & Water

Beer & Wine are available





For family members who prefer a bit less, everything is also available ala cart.

Advance tickets may be purchased at The Information Desk, The Learn Place, The Administration Office and The Café. Dinner may also be purchased the day of the event.



May & June 2011

The Cultural Center is open to the public 7 days a week!

					Friday	Saturday
					27 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: <i>Erich</i> 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i> by the Charlotte Players	28 7:30 pm Theater: <i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i> by the Charlotte Players 
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
29 Every Sunday! 11 am-2 pm Carved Prime Rib Dinner in the Café! 	30 The Cultural Center will be CLOSED to observe Memorial Day 	31 Every Tuesday! 1 pm-4 pm: Chess 	June 1 Every Wednesday! 9 am-12 pm: Community Awareness in the Fountain Room. 11 am-2 pm: Cajun Luncheon in the Conference Center	2 Every Thursday! Duplicate Bridge 9 am-12 pm 1 pm-4 pm 	3 Prevention Plus Health Screening; see page 4 for details 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: <i>Kim Jenkins</i>	4  11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday
5 Every Sunday! 12:30 pm-3:30 pm Double Deck Pinochle 	6 Biggest Losers 7 Begins! Visit the Fitness Salon to register; details on page 9 7:30 pm Monday Night Dance; music by <i>TBA</i>	7 5 pm-8:30 pm: Charlotte County Computer Group Monthly Meeting. Visitors Welcome! 	8 Every Wednesday! 8 am-12 pm: Woodcarvers meet in Centennial Hall 7:30 pm-9:30 pm Cultural Center Square Dance	9 Every Thursday! 5:30 pm-8:30 pm: Double Deck Pinochle 	10 11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: <i>Erich</i>	11 Every Saturday! 4 pm-6 pm Pinochle 
12 Every Sunday! 11 am-2 pm Carved Prime Rib Dinner in the Café! 	13 1 pm-3:30 pm Fun With Music Dance—Just \$1! 7:30 pm Monday Night Dance; music by <i>Alex Keller</i>	14 Every Tuesday! 12:30 pm-4 pm Mah-Jongg 	15 10 am: Wind Mitigation Seminar; Free, details below. 10 am: Estate Planning Seminar; turn to page 8 for details.	16 Every Thursday! 9 am-3 pm: Open Market Venders will be selling a variety of merchandise in the Fountain Room	17 Prevention Plus Health Screening; see page 8 for details 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: <i>Jay Smith</i>	18  11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday
19 11 am-2 pm: Special Father's Day Dinner in the Café! Carved Prime Rib, BBQ Ribs, BBQ Chicken and lots more for just \$10! Details on page 5	20  7:30 pm Monday Night Dance; music by <i>Blue Bayou</i>	21 Games Every Tuesday! 1 pm-4 pm: Chess 1 pm-4 pm: Duplicate Bridge 6 pm-8 pm Pinochle	22 10 am: Estate Planning Seminar; see page 8 for details 10 am: Kays, Ponger & Uselton Seminar; call 625-4113 for details	23 1 pm: Dental Insurance Seminar; see page 8 for details Every Thursday 1 pm-4 pm: Chess	24 Every Friday! 6 pm-9 pm Contract Bridge 7 pm-10 pm Euchre 7 pm Friday Night Dance; entertainer: <i>Erich</i>	25 11:45-3:30 pm BINGO every Friday & Saturday Every Saturday 4 pm-6 pm Pinochle

There's always something happening at the Cultural Center!

FREE

Wind Mitigation Seminar
June 16th at 10 am

Is your home safe in a storm?
Are you paying too much for your homeowner's insurance?
Learn the answers to these questions and more!
Reservations recommended: call 625-4075, ext. 208

Every Monday!

Fun with Music
1 pm-3:30 pm

Monday Night Dance
7:30 pm-10 pm

The Olde English Tea Room

Every Thursday, our Tea Room serves a delightful collection of finger foods, baked goods and tea. Call 625-4175, ext. 208 for reservations.

** A minimum of 10 reservations is required for the event to be held.*

Every Wednesday

8 am-11 am

Enjoy coffee with Ken Schultz, CLU, ask questions and get second opinions about:

- Your portfolio
- Charitable giving
- Life insurance
- Annuities

Every Friday & Saturday

Bingo
at 11:45 am

Upcoming Events

June

June 1: Cajun Luncheon
June 6: Biggest Losers 7 Begins!
June 19: Father's Day Dinner

July

July 6: South American Luncheon
July 8-10: Christmas in July Bazaar
July 30: Back to School Carnival

August

August 3: Hawaiian Luncheon

Retail Store Hours

Monday-Saturday
9 am to 4 pm
Sunday
10 am to 3 pm

Fitness Salon

Monday-Friday
6 am-7 pm
Saturday
8 am-4 pm
Sunday-Closed



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Charlotte Players present Neil Simon's *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* as their closing show of the season. Curtain is at 7:30pm May 27-28, 2011.

This zany play depicts the chaotic, raucous writing staff of a 1950s popular comedy-variety show, reflective of Simon's first big break into staff writing for the Sid Caesar *Your Show of Shows*, a landmark of early live television. Every character is quick, funny and memorable. The interactions between the star, writers, and family members are hilarious and quick witted, spiced with some **ADULT LANGUAGE**, not suitable for children. The production is directed by Joe Simmons, of Nokomis.

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4 pm-7 pm M-F, all day Saturday-\$13/mo (\$18/mo non-CC members)

New! Couples and 3 month plans

Biggest Losers 7 Info!

Sign up for the Biggest Losers 7 at the Fitness Salon—1st weigh in is on Monday, June 6th!



- Entry fee is \$30 per person.
- Teams have 4 persons—sign up with 3 friends or make new friends.
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams.
- Awards are based upon the percentage of weight loss, not total pounds lost.
- Stop by the Fitness Salon during the hours listed below to sign up.

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Megan Edwards, Monday & Wednesday, 11 am-12 pm, 6 weeks, \$40 (\$42)

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Megan Edwards, Thursday, 11 am-12 pm, 6 weeks, \$20 (\$21)

408 Ballet 1/Creative Movement for Children 2-6

Meredith Bucklin, Tuesday, 4 pm-5 pm, 6 weeks, \$24 (\$28)

408B Ballet/Contemporary Dance for Children 7-12

Meredith Bucklin, Tuesday, 5 pm-6 pm, 6 weeks, \$24 (\$28)

Registration information can be found at the top of page 11

Prices in parentheses are Non-Cultural Center Member prices



Card & Table Games at the Cultural Center

Bridge: Contract Bridge: Wednesday, 12 pm to 3 pm
Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm

Duplicate Bridge: Tuesday, 1 pm to 4 pm
Thursday, 9 am to 12 pm
Thursday, 1 pm to 4 pm

Chess: Tuesday, 12 pm to 4 pm
Thursday, 12 pm to 4 pm

Cribbage: Wednesday, 12:45 pm to 4 pm

Euchre: Friday, 7 pm to 10 pm

Mah-Jongg: Tuesday, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm

Pinochle: Single Deck: Monday, 6 pm to 8 pm
Tuesday, 6 pm to 8 pm
Saturday, 4 pm to 6 pm

Double Deck Pinochle: Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Thursday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Sunday, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm



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Friday:	Friday Night Dance	7 pm to 10 pm

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Complete Game Schedule can be found on page 10!