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2014 Calendar of Events

January 25	3 rd Annual Step-Up for Soldiers Backyard BBQ (910-431-8122)
February 22	2014 Special Olympics Polar Plunge (910-341-5876)
March 15	10 TH Annual Steve Haydu St. Patrick's Lo-Tide Run (910-368-9523)
March 28-29	Suncoast Cruiser "Back to the Beach" Car Show (910-707-0060)
April 5	Island Of Lights Fashion Show (910-617-5945)
April 12	18th Annual Chowder Cook-Off (458-8434)
April 26	7 th Annual Kure Beach Annual Street Festival (910-458-8216)
May 9	16 th Annual Cape Fear Disabled Sportsman Fishing Tournament (910-368-7077)
May 17-18	21 ST Annual Seaside Soccer Classic (910-392-0306)
May 11 – Oct 4	Carolina Beach Farmer's Market every Saturday (910-431-8122)
June – August	Weekly Movies at the Lake Every Sunday (910-458-8434)
June – August	Weekly Fireworks on the Beach Every Thursday (910-458-8434)
June – August	Free Summer Concerts 2nd & 4th Fridays (910-458-8434)
June – August	Weekly Boardwalk Music Every Thursday (910-458-8434)
June 7	29th Annual Beach Music Festival (910-458-8434)
June 10 – Aug 26	Kure Beach Open Air Market (910-458-8216)
July 3	Independence Day Fireworks (910-458-8434)
July 10-13	East Coast Got Em' On Classic King Mackerel Tournament (910-470-1374)
August 23	Miss Pleasure Island Beauty Pageant (910-458-5962)
September 12 & 13	Carolina Beach In-Shore Challenge (910-352-0603)
October 11 & 12	21st Annual Seafood, Blues and Jazz Festival (910-458-8434)
October 17-19	8 th Annual Pleasure Island Surf Fishing Challenge (910-352-0603)
October 18	6 th Annual Salty Paws Festival (910-458-3266)
November 28	Island of Lights Light Up Celebration at the Lake (910-458-5507)
Nov 28 thru Dec 20	6 th Annual Christmas by the Sea (Carolina Beach Boardwalk) (910-470-8666)
December 5	Island of Lights Christmas Parade (910-458-5507)
December 6	Island of Lights Flotilla (910-458-0211)
December 12, 13 & 14	Kure Beach Fantasy Christmas Show (910-279-0459)
December 13	Island of Lights Tour of Homes (910-458-5506)
December 31	Island of Lights New Year's Eve Countdown held in Kure Beach

**JANUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS TO BE HOSTED BY THE LAZY PIRATE ON
JANUARY 8th, 2014**



DATE: Wednesday, January 8th, 2014
TIME: 5:30 -7:00
LOCATION: The Lazy Pirate
 701 North Lake Park Blvd., Carolina Beach, NC



To welcome in the New Year, the great folks at **The Lazy Pirate** want to once again kick the year off by hosting the Chamber's first social of 2014. Sure its cold outside, but lighten up—you're at the BEACH! Please plan to join your fellow Members and business acquaintances on Wednesday, January 8th at 5:30 pm at the ever-popular **Lazy Pirate**, with all of its buccaneer-themed décor and one-of-a-kind atmosphere.

The Directors and staff at the Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce along with **The Lazy Pirate**, welcome you to their Chamber get-together. **The Pirate** will be offering tastings from their fabulous menu as well as drink specials (Adult and otherwise) along with some background tunes to ease you into the night. Be sure to come out early, enjoy the tranquility of January, have a snack and a cold one, talk with some friends, meet some new ones and maybe stay for a fabulous dinner.

Please come enjoy the festive **Pirate** atmosphere and be sure to bring your business cards to enter your business in our drawing for the Spotlight on Business in the next newsletter. And, don't forget to look for the colored dots on members' name tags. This signifies a new member to our Chamber. Please do what you can to make them feel welcome. It's been a while since our November Social, at Michael's Seafood, so please join us for the January Business After Hours Wednesday, January 8th at 5:30 at **The Lazy Pirate!**

**2014 SOCIAL CALENDAR—PLEASURE ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
5:30 –7:30 pm**

January	8	The Lazy Pirate 701 N. Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach
February	12	Havana's 1 N. Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach
March	12	Shuckin' Shack Oyster Bar, Pleasure Island Rentals 2 North Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach
April	9	Pleasure Island Insurance 1009 N. Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach
May	14	Atlantic Towers 1615 S. Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach
June	11	Good Hops Brewing 811 Harper Ave. Carolina Beach
July	9	Carolina Beach Animal Hospital 1337 Bridge Barrier Rd. Carolina Beach
August	13	Olde Salty's On The Boardwalk. Carolina Beach
September	10	Nikki's Gourmet Sushi Bar 6 S. Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach
October THURSDAY	9	Jack Mackerel's Island Grill 113 K. Ave. Kure Beach
November	12	Michael's Seafood 1206 N. Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach

Welcome New Members

These businesses realized the importance of economic growth for Pleasure Island, and have pledged their support by investing in your Chamber of Commerce. Please support your community by calling on these businesses when you are in need of products and services.

Megan McHorney

Beauty South

125 N. Ft. Fisher Blvd.
Kure Beach, NC 28449
910.707.1400
meegan@gmail.com
Full Service Beauty Salon

Patricia and Rich Jones

Good Hops Brewing LLC (Opening May 2014)

811 Harper Avenue
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
706.713.1700
goodhopsbrewing@gmail.com
www.goodhopsbrewing.com
Brewery

Janet Knott

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811 Martin Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
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Homeless shelter and soup kitchen to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and foster the transition to housing

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604 N. Lake Park Blvd.
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
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Italian Restaurant and Wine Bar

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Keith Bloemendaal

SECOF Construction Co. (Returning Member)

1202 N. Lake Park Blvd.
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
910.458.5605
Keith@SecofConstruction.com
www.SecofConstruction.com
Home Builder and General Contractor

Karen Smith

Totally Travel (Returning Member)

P.O. Box 16130
Wilmington, NC 28408
910.397.7777
karen@totallytravelonline.com
www.totallytravelonline.com
Travel Agency and publisher of Fly Wilmington NC

Tell your business associates, acquaintances and friends to join the Pleasure Island Of Commerce.

Pleasure Island Retirement Community—We have a special rate for you as a Chamber Friend—Give us a call and get involved!



Happenings Around The Island

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Fort Fisher's 149th Anniversary Program to focus on Medical Service at Fort Fisher, New Exhibit

KURE BEACH— On Saturday, January 18, 2014, Fort Fisher State Historic Site will commemorate the 149th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Fisher with the living history program, "Always near the front, with instruments and tourniquets: The Medical Service at Fort Fisher."

Held from 10 am-4 pm, this free program will focus on medical and health care available to soldiers on both sides of the 1865 battle. Civil War re-enactors will set up displays and discuss period medical tools and the care of sick and wounded soldiers. Infantry units will conduct the manual of arms and participate in firing demonstrations, as well as talk about camp life and garrison duty. Artillery units will conduct drills and firing with the site's rifled and banded 32-pound cannon and the site's bronze 12-pound Napoleon cannon. Civil War sutlers and a period photographer will be on hand and tours of the site will be conducted throughout the day.

Ansley Wegner, author of *Phantom Pain: North Carolina's Artificial Limb Program for Confederate Veterans*, will talk about North Carolina's Artificial Limb program after the Civil War. Author Richard Triebe will talk about the North Carolina Troops who were captured at Fort Fisher and sent to the Prisoner of War camp in Elmira, New York and their struggles to survive. He will also be available to sign copies of his book *From Fort Fisher to Elmira* and *Confederate Fort Fisher: A Roster 1864-1865*. Also participating in the book signing will be noted Civil War author and historian Michael Hardy.

Fort Fisher State Historic Site will also be dedicating a special new exhibit called "An Eminent Work of Justice and Charity." This exhibit will contain only the third Jewett Patent Leg known to be in existence. It will also include information about caring for amputees after the war and what was done to heal both their physical and mental wounds.

All Fort Fisher programming is made possible by the Friends of Fort Fisher and its sustaining members:

Troy and Lori Barbour, Mike McCarley, Tammy and Jack Moore, Brian and Deedra Nunnally and Jim and Catherine Taylor. Fort Fisher State Historic Site is located at 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd S, Kure Beach, N.C. 28449. For more information on the site, call (910) 458-5538 or visit the web site

www.nchistoricsites.org/



FREE DAY AT AQUARIUM

The North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by waiving general admission fees on Monday, January 20, 2014.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is one of two holidays each year the N.C. Aquariums offer visitors free admission. The other day is Veterans Day in November.

Many area schools are closed for the holiday, too. Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to spend a fun-filled day at AquaCamp. Preregistration for the camps is necessary.

AquaCamp – Incredible Invertebrates

Date: Monday, January 20

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages: 5-12 years old

Fee: \$40 per participant

Campers discover unusual facts and meet interesting invertebrates including clams, snails, crabs, sea urchins, and sea stars. Live animal presentations, crafts and aquarium activities are all part of this exciting program. Snacks are provided. Campers need to bring a bag lunch. Preregistration is required.

The Aquarium offers limited transportation to and from this camp from the Monkey Junction area. Limited space is available. An additional fee and preregistration is required.



You are invited to

What: Dingy Dock Ribbon Cutting

When: Friday, January 17, 2014
12:30 p.m.

Where: Sandpiper Lane Dingy Dock
Canal Drive at Sandpiper Lane

Sponsored by the Town of Carolina Beach, Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce, Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron and The Lazy Pirate



Happenings Around The Island



American Legion Fish Fry

1st Friday of the month from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, the American Legion Post 129 will hold a tasty Fish Fry at 1500 Bridge Barrier Road in Carolina Beach (910.458.4253).

For \$8 a plate, you will receive Large Whiting fillet or NC Farm raised catfish

nuggets, hush puppies, cole slaw, potato salad, iced tea or coffee. Beer and Wine available for purchase. Captain Ray's Award Winning Seafood Chowder or Conch Chowder is also available for purchase. October through March. Eat In or Take Out.

For an additional fee, the Ladies Auxiliary will give you choices of dessert.



Havana's reopened this past week with new bathrooms, kitchen equipment and much of the old plumbing replaced. For the month of January Havana's in Carolina Beach will be closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Starting February 1st Havana's will be open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner.

**1 North Lake Park Boulevard
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
910.458.2822**



**Katie B. Hines
Senior Center**
308 Cape Fear Blvd.
458.6609

1st Saturday of the month from

7:30 am – 11:00 am

Pancake Breakfast—just \$6.00 includes pancakes,



Young Loggerheads Continue Their Journey

Kure Beach, NC – A hidden nest, a perilous trek, a temporary home and a Coast Guard escort makes the successful release of two loggerhead sea turtles by the North Carolina

Aquarium at Fort Fisher quite an epic tale.

The sea turtles began their journey in August 2012, when they hatched in an undiscovered dune nest in Kure Beach. Instead of heading to sea as hatchlings typically do, eleven tiny turtles took off in the wrong direction. They traveled across a busy highway, through a convenience store parking lot and into a nearby natural area. Later the same day, Aquarium staff and Pleasure Island Sea Turtle Project volunteers discovered the tiny wanderers. Several of the strays were released immediately. The Aquarium took in and cared for the remaining turtles.

Each summer, the Aquarium works with N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and local sea turtle rescue organizations, accepting a limited number of hatchlings that do not make the initial trek to the ocean. Usually these turtles are discovered during routine nest excavations three days after a nest hatches.

While at the Aquarium, the animals received careful monitoring and care to ensure proper growth and good health. When they arrived the turtles were about the size of an Oreo cookie, but a fraction of the weight. During their stay, they grew and helped educate more than 433,000 visitors about sea turtle species, all of which are threatened or endangered.

Recently, two of the yearling turtles were cleared for release. Their growth enabled their inclusion in a satellite tracking program that began at the Aquarium in 2012. Staff named the pair, Shadow and Sassy, and affixed small battery-powered satellite transmitters to the turtles. The tracking devices allow Aquarium staff and others to gather valuable information on a released turtle's movements.

"Loggerheads spend most of their lives in the open ocean," said Aquarium Curator Hap Fatzinger. "We don't know much about them. Tracking these animals can help us learn more about their behavior."

In late November, Shadow and Sassy caught a ride with the U.S. Coast Guard on maneuvers from Fort Macon and were into the warm water of the Gulf Stream.

At the time of release, Sassy weighed approximately 9.2 pounds and measured 13.3 inches (curved length). Shadow weighed 8.8 pounds and measured 13.2 inches.

Since their release, Sassy and Shadow have traveled more than 1,534 miles and 2,269 miles, respectively. The public can follow the animals' progress and learn more about sea turtles at www.seaturtle.org.

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Message From The President



Chamber Members:

As we once again move from another "record" year to the next, the Chamber staff would like to sincerely say thanks to both existing and new members for another great year! We are truly coming together as a tight business community as never before. We have seen the networking scene on the island grow and prosper. People are all getting to know each other on business and personal levels in our thriving tourist related and service businesses.

Actual participation in our Chamber Socials and business functions has exploded! A large number of our members are now actively participating in our many functions that help bring more and more dollars to the island every day. Participation in sponsorships and donations by many of our own local businesses make our Chowder Cook Off, Carolina Beach Music Festival and the Seafood, Blues and Jazz Festival more and more successful every year! We would like to offer our sincere THANKS to Bryant Real Estate for being our 2013 Chamber Champion (as well as our 2012!) We could not do what we do without Bryant and all of our great sponsors.

The participation in the 2014 Visitor Guide was overwhelming – we literally had to turn a few businesses away this year because we had no advertising space left. Please make your commitment to the 2015 Visitor Guide as early as possible to guarantee your ad space. As you know, the Visitor Guide is the best advertising dollar on the island because of the mail outs, local access, and availability at all North Carolina Welcome Centers.

The Chamber of Commerce web site is busting at the seams with more traffic hits every single day. We are constantly updating and improving the functionality of the site as we go. In 2013 we added a "virtual" copy of our Visitor Guide and will replace it with a 2014 Guide as early as mid-February.

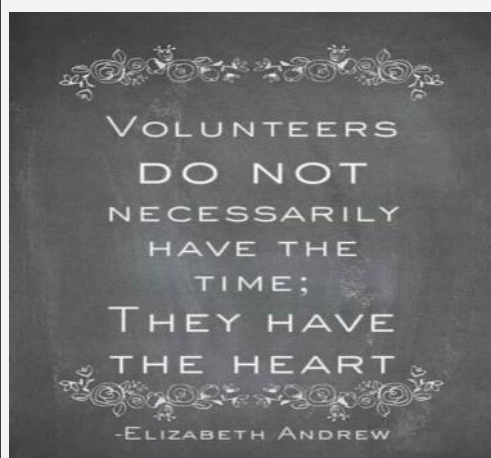
I hope all of our great Members had a peaceful Christmas and a jubilant New Years recently. As all the play-off football games take their toll on relationships, I thought I would take a couple minutes to bring you up-to-date with a few happenings at the Chamber:

- On Wednesday, January 8th, your new Board of Directors will meet at the Courtyard Marriott for an all day Strategic Workshop. At this meeting we discuss items such as The Role of the Director; the Role of the Chamber in a Community; Improvement of our Events; Meet with the Mayors to discuss how the Chamber can best serve the respective Town Halls; Volunteer retention (See below); Policies and Procedures and whatever else crosses our table.
- Don't forget we have our first Business After Hours this Wednesday, January 8th at the Lazy Pirate from 5:30-7:00. Be sure to bundle up, it seems Old Man Winter has finally arrived.
- Don't forget to attend the Council meetings in Carolina Beach (2nd Tuesday of the Month) and Kure Beach (3rd Tuesday of the month). As an added convenience, you can watch a live telecast of the CB meetings. Go to www.carolinabeach.org for instructions on how to connect.
- The Carolina Beach Inlet Association will be having a very important meeting on Tuesday, January 7th at 6:00 pm at the American Legion. Call 910-443-3652 to RSVP.
- Keep in touch with your elected officials concerning the Biggers Water Act and how this can drastically alter our way of life art the coast!
- Get involved..Volunteer...let us hear from you. Tell us what we are doing right...What we are doing wrong...Any and all ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Thanks to everyone for a GREAT 2013 and I am sure 2014 will be even better according to all the comments we are getting from members. Let's see if we can all pull together to make this year the best ever!!

Gail McCloskey, President Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce

Volunteers Always Welcome



If you have never had the pleasure of volunteering on Pleasure Island, you are missing out! Not only is this a great way to meet folks, it is a way of giving back to your community and making this the best place to live, work and play!

There are numerous opportunities with many organizations on Pleasure Island to help out. For instance, did you know that the Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce has the best group of volunteers ever assembled? Well, we think we do. If you would like to assist the Chamber with the Chowder Cook-Off in April, the Carolina Beach Music Festival in June, the Seafood Blues & Jazz Festival in October or the fireworks and movies during the summer—it is easy...just give Greg Reynolds a call at 910-458-8434 or email at greg@pleasureislandnc.org. He will be glad to sign you up for as many (or as few) shifts as you would like. To all my great volunteers, I am not replacing you, I am only getting reinforcements.

There are plenty of great Non-Profits on Pleasure Island always looking for some help. Stop by the Chamber offices in Carolina Beach Town Hall and we will be glad to take your name and number and also direct you to other organizations that may fit your expertise.