

Public Invited To COTI Annual Meeting Wednesday, March 31

The Committee of the Islands has invited the general public to its Annual Meeting next Wednesday, March 31, to be held at the Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:00 AM followed by a Guest Speaker presentation at 9:30.

COTI's Guest Speaker this year will be Maggi Feiner, President of Friends In Service Here (F.I.S.H.). The COTI Board chose her to speak in view of the extraordinary efforts by F.I.S.H. to provide food and financial assistance to families and individuals here on Sanibel, particularly those who have been severely affected by the economic downturn.

In addition to its Food Pantry, which last year distributed over 31,000 pounds of food, F.I.S.H. also provides emergency financial assistance to those in need, including assistance with rent and mortgage payments, utilities, and medical and dental services. FISH serves over 600 people here on Sanibel, including 75 families and individuals who in the past year have received emergency assistance totaling \$74,000.00.

After the presentation, COTI will conduct a meeting of its membership and elect directors to the Board.