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Membership Update

From Membership Chair, Dawn Bokar:

Happy Fall LGI residents, and a big Welcome to all of our new owners who have sent in memberships in the last month. If you haven't joined or renewed your LGPOA membership yet, it's never too late. Just go online to www.LGPOA.org/membership and you can pay via PayPal or mail your form in with payment. Are you a new owner who hasn't received the membership form or have misplaced yours?

Just email me at dawnbokar@gmail.com and I'll email or mail you another.

**** International Coastal Cleanup Held September 7th - 11th**

From Director, Deric Flom:

More success! A group of islanders got together and pitched in. Some cleaned the beach, some the bay and others picked up on the paths in between.

Thanks to every participant and also to Eldred's for allowing the dumpster we use to be on their property every year!

**** Kids Fishing and Marine Clinic Cancelled**

From Islander, Pede Fraser:

There will be no Kids Fishing and Marine Clinic this year due to Covid.

****Island Wide Garage Sale - mark your calendars.**

From Vice President, Rhonda Olson

The Island Wide Garage Sale will be held November 23rd (the Friday after Thanksgiving) from 9am to 1pm.

Anyone can have a sale, just email us your house number and any items you'd like listed or featured. (Submit by Thursday, November 15th please.) You can recycle your unwanted items to someone that can use them and make some money for yourself at the same time! It's easier than hauling the items off the island, right?

We will put a sign on the main sand path advertising your house number to make it easy to find. Anyone can go to the sales as well! We will email the list of garage sales and

items to POA members the week before. They will also be posted on the island bulletin boards for everyone to see.

Please contact us with information regarding your sale and any questions at twrhonda@gmail.com.

**** Island Loss - Conrad Coolidge**

From Vice President, Rhonda Olson:

Conrad owned on Little Gasparilla Island for 20 years. Once he and his wife Debbie moved here full time he served on the LGIFR fire board for nine years as treasurer. He also helped as an usher for 3 years at the Preserve Island Chapel with his friend John. He enjoyed living on LGI and will be missed.

**** Environmental Update**

From Vice President, Rhonda Olson:

Turtles

Thanks for all everyone has done to remove trash, educate visitors, keep lights off, and keeping vehicles off the beach. Sea turtle nesting season runs through the end of October.

If you are interested in helping with the next summer's turtle season please contact Rhonda Olson at twrhonda@gmail.com.

Red Tide

Red tides can last as little as a few weeks or longer than a year. They can even subside and then reoccur. The duration of a bloom depends on physical and biological conditions that influence its growth and persistence. These include sunlight, nutrients and salinity, as well as the speed and direction of wind and water currents. Wave action can break open red tide cells and release toxins into the air.

Please take precautions and avoid red tide areas if you have severe or chronic respiratory conditions, such as emphysema or asthma. Pets can be susceptible to the red tide neurotoxins. Manatees and sea turtles can also be harmed by red tide. Red tide toxins can accumulate in filter feeders such as oysters and clams, which can lead to Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning in people who eat contaminated shellfish.

Red Tide is monitored weekly at inshore and offshore sites. Look for reports at <http://myfwc.com/research/redtide/statewide/>

Please feel free to email me at robinturner63@gmail.com with any information you would like to see in the next month's Coconut Telegraph by the 25th of each month. The content is reviewed by board members for approval.

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