

PLACIDA ROTARY CLUB - PRESS RELEASE (1/24/08)

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EVENT: **2008 Placida Rotary: Annual Seafood Festival**

DATES: **Saturday, March 15, 2008 & Sunday, March 16, 2008**

TIME: **SAT: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM & SUN: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

WHERE: *At the Waters Edge:* **The FISHERY RESTAURANT,**
West Charlotte County, Placida, Florida

DIRECTIONS: **20 Miles South of Venice – 10 Miles South of Englewood**

Where CR 775 meets CR 771- Just Past the Boca Grande Toll Plaza Intersection

WEB-SITE: Current Info: **www.placidarotary.net**

PLACIDA, FLORIDA. The Rotary Club of Placida in partnership with the Fishery Restaurant is holding its Annual **2008 Placida Rotary - Seafood Festival** the weekend of: Saturday, March 15 & Sunday, March 16, 2008 along the water's edge, just behind the scenic FISHERY RESTAURANT, a special slice of "old Florida" in historic Placida, Florida. This fun, family event is located in West Charlotte County: 20 miles south of Venice and 10 miles west of Port Charlotte, at the intersection of CR 775 & CR 771 - just around the corner from the traffic light to the Toll Plaza to Boca Grande.

- **Live Entertainment:** Back by popular demand: **"IMPULSE,"** Clearwater's fun and famous Reggae Band, playing their upbeat Caribbean "Island" dance music both days: From Noon on.
- **Something for everyone:** The Placida Sea Food Festival is old Florida style family fun on the water's edge, at its best: featuring an outstanding variety of **delicious fresh seafood** offerings, like Fishery gumbo, spicy fish & shrimp, smoked mullet, plus hot food & cold beverages. A children's favorite: The Placida Rotary Club will be sponsoring truly native Placida grown, Blue crab – **"Crab Races,"** plus colorful clowns with **"face painting"** for the kids.
- **Shopping Bargains:** Folks will love the unique local area crafts, sculpture, colorful artwork, nautical antiques, nautical collectibles, sun glasses, fossils, fun casual clothing, deck shoes and colorful accessories, all at *bargain prices*, plus Margaret Albritton's Art Gallery and colorful hard-to-find gifts, The Cove Gift Shop, and a variety of local artists.
- **Boaters:** Don't miss the great selection of new quality, trailer-able, fishing and top-of-the-line *Boston Whaler & Sea Ray* pleasure **boats** from **Marine Max** at special "show" prices.

• **Admission:** Only \$3.00/Adult & **FREE to all Children under 12.** **No Dogs - Permitted.**

• **Parking:** \$2.00/car and near by, in the field across the street from the Fishery on CR 775.

"This fun, family event brings vendors with many varieties of seafood, plus craftsman and talented artists locally and from out of state," said Placida Rotary Club's President, Ken Baumhardt.

The Placida Rotary Club is a non-profit organization of community business leaders dedicated to providing community help, with other Rotarians, when needed. Recent projects include: The new Englewood Skateboard Park & YMCA Playground Equipment and helping to eradicate polio: world-wide. In the past 9 years, Placida Rotary is proud to have donated more than \$300,000 to assist many deserving community children, students, and families in the Englewood-Cape Haze area. <END>

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