

CROW's 'Giving Tree Festival' Dec. 7

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will host its annual fundraiser, the Giving Tree Festival, on Dec. 7, from 6:30-10 p.m. at The Sanctuary Clubhouse on Sanibel Island.

The fundraising event will include an evening of holiday festivities with live entertainment, fabulous food and holiday shopping with the "Boutique Unique." There will be a silent auction for festive Christmas trees and wreaths, and CROW will unveil its centerpiece "Giving Tree" to raise donations for much-needed hospital equipment and the new Visitor Education Center.

The "Giving Tree" will begin the night as a plain Christmas tree surrounded by ornaments listing suggested donations such as patient food, cages and education courses for CROW staff. Guests will have the opportunity to help decorate the tree by purchasing an item and placing their donation ornament on the tree. Giving tree items range from a \$100 container of infant formula to \$50,000 for the new hospital generator.

"Hopefully by the end of the night

we will have a beautiful, fully decorated Christmas tree," said Dr. PJ Deitschel, staff veterinarian and clinic director. "This is always a wonderful event and so vital to CROW since we rely exclusively on the generosity of our donors to cover operating costs."

Complimentary wine will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and a cash bar and buffet will open at 7:30 p.m. Entertainer Johnny Ray will perform live music including traditional holiday songs, reggae music and popular hits from the 1950s and 60s.

The "Giving Tree Festival" presenting sponsor is the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. Additional event sponsors include: John and Donna Schubert, Sun-catcher's Dream, Bank of the Islands and Coral Veterinary Clinic. Additional sponsorships are available at \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500 levels, which include complimentary tickets to the event. For more information on becoming a sponsor, call 395-0050.

Tickets for the "Giving Tree Festival" are \$100 per person paid in advance.

For credit card reservations, call 395-0050, or mail checks to CROW, Inc., Attn: Festival, PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Proceeds benefit nonprofit CROW. ■



Hospital hosts Medicare Part D info session

Lee Memorial Health System's SHARE Club will host an information sessions regarding Medicare Part D.

Servicing Health Insurance Needs of Elders counselors from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs will be on hand to answer questions on the various prescription drug plans available and which may be best.

Counselors will be able to access the Medicare Web site to assist in finding the best plan. They can also enroll individuals at this time.

The sessions are:

► Friday, Dec. 5 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lee Memorial Hospital - Volunteer Resources, 2776 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers

► Wednesday, Dec. 10 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cape Coral Hospital - SHARE Club Office, 636 Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral

Space is limited. Call SHARE Club at 772-6765 to reserve a spot.

SHARE Club (Senior Health Activities Resources and Education) is Lee Memorial Health System's membership

club open to any senior 50 or older. With nearly 50,000 members, SHARE Club provides wellness, healthy lifestyles, prescription discount program, community health education programs and resources for the seniors of Southwest Florida. Call 772-6765 or visit www.leememorial.org/shareclub for more information. ■

CROW now offers student, family memberships

In anticipation of the grand opening of its new Visitor Education Center, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) is now offering annual student and family memberships.

A student membership is \$10 and includes free admission to the CROW Visitor Education Center for one full year, a free subscription to the CROW newsletter and one single-use guest pass.

A family membership is \$50 and includes free admission to the CROW Visitor Education Center for one full year for two adults and up to four dependent children, a 10 percent discount on purchases in the CROW gift shop and a free subscription to the CROW newsletter.

Other memberships are available beginning at \$35 and include various benefits, depending on the amount of the donation. All memberships include annual admission to the new Visitor Education Center.

Information about all membership levels, as well as information on memorial and honorary gifts, is available by calling Anita Pinder at 395-0050 or e-mailing crowdvlpmnt@aol.com. Money raised from membership dues help support CROW's day-to-day operations. ■

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