

The Women of Clear Lake Calendar

In June 2006 we began our adventure of saving the island. The idea arose after watching the popular movie Calendar Girls and taking pictures of some particularly perky dahlias.

"The 2007 Women of Clear Lake" went to press in late summer. As we eagerly awaited the arrival of our 2,000 copies, we told our story to Angola's Herald Republican, which was then picked up by the Associated Press. As a result, the story spread to multiple news media all across the country. To date, the 2007 calendar has profited nearly \$30,000.

Looking for a way to raise even more money for the island, Calendar Girl Sandy Ayres decided to create a Clear Lake cookbook with the help of fellow Calendar Girl Joyce Augspurger. "Clear Lake Cuisine" arrived just before Memorial Day weekend and has sold over 1600 copies, profiting another \$23,000!

We received so many enthusiastic requests for another calendar that we decided to do one more issue. This year we took pictures of all age groups during all four seasons. We have women frolicking in the leaves, awaiting the Easter Bunny, and even peeking on Santa. The Clear Lake winter ice provided beautiful backdrops for some fantastic and a bit "nippy" photographs. We give special thanks to our women who braved the elements and ended up with some very cold anatomy!

We have taken thousands of peek-a-boo pictures of the Clear Lake women. In 2006, 75 women were photographed. This year we photographed 61 new faces and 33 alumni, totaling 136 women involved in this two year project.

We want to sincerely thank every new friend and sister involved in this fun project. A special thank you goes out to all who have generously contributed to the Kasota Island Preservation Fund. Please help us raise the remaining money needed to save the island through personal donations and by purchasing the 2008 calendar, "Clear Lake Cuisine," Kasota Island beer and beverage glassware (see www.clearlakefun.org). Your donations will help preserve Kasota Island for many generations. May the sisterhood created continue to flourish and grow, Kasota Forever.

We hope you enjoy your calendar and continue to support the preservation of our own Kasota Island.

Women over "50" can make a difference!

Proceeds from the sale of this calendar will be donated to the Kasota Island Preservation Fund of Clear Lake, Indiana.

Thank you for your support!

-Bonnie Brown, Judy Johnston, & Mary June Augspurger