



From left, Rob Lisenbee of the trust company, Berni Libonate and Lisa Riordan of Captiva Civic Association, and Al Hanser and Jeff Muddell of the trust company photo provided

Wine Tastings Return To Captiva

The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company is sponsoring this year's Captiva Civic Association (CCA) Perfectly Paired, a wine tasting and food pairing series running through the month of January.

"CCA has creative ideas every year that bring the Captiva community together and we're glad to be a part of it," said Al Hanser, founder and chairman of the trust company. Four Monday evening classes will

feature select themed wine tastings that are paired with bites of gourmet fare crafted by Chef Karl Hamme of Bailey's Catering Company. Tyler Haas of Johnson Bros. Wines will lead the class as sommelier. He brings a wealth of wine knowledge, while amusing his audience. Calli Johnson of Bailey's will be also be on hand. All classes will be held in person this year and space is limited to 45 participants. Non-member pricing is \$60 for the January 10, 17 and 24 classes and \$80 per ticket for the January 31 class. The lineup is:

January 10 – Best of California
January 17 – Tour of Italy
January 24 – The Wines of Dave Phinney
January 31 – Tyler's Reserve List
"This has always been a very popular series and we are grateful to be able to bring wine education classes to Captiva," said Emily Hess Ankerson, executive director for the CCA. "Costs have really increased this year, for wine especially,

but with The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company's sponsorship, we are able to continue to bring this program to CCA members and the community. It wouldn't be possible without their generous support." Captiva Civic Center is located at 11550 Chapin Lane on Captiva. For tickets, visit www.ccacaptiva.org or call 472-2111.✪

New Operations And Volunteer Manager

FISH of SanCap hired Kim Ouellette to fill a new position as operations and volunteer manager within the organization. Ouellette will provide support to the executive director and board. She will also oversee data and program reporting and scheduling, and training and managing all volunteers as a point person within the walk-in center. "We're excited to welcome Kim to our team in a position that is critical to how our organization operates on a



Kim Ouellette

daily basis," said Maria Espinoza, FISH executive director. Ouellette was born and raised in Michigan. She studied business administration while in college. She began her career working for a major retailer in a part-time capacity while in college. She then accepted a full-time management position and over the next 24 years, traveled to expanding markets where she worked on training and development programs. Ouellette has a wealth of experience in nonprofits. She worked for United Way of Northeast Florida and United Way of Collier County and the Keys for nearly 14 years. She also spent a period of time working for the City of Sanibel. "I'm very excited to be a part of the FISH of SanCap team where I can continue to deliver services to the community and work with their very generous and talented volunteers," said Ouellette. To learn more about the programs and services offered by FISH, visit www.fishofsanicap.org.✪

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