



Greater Charlotte Harbor News

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A newsletter is a periodic bulletin to members of an organization, business or other group. Through a newsletter, members can get the “inside scoop” on current and proposed activities of the organization.

The NATIONAL level newsletter for Sierra Club is called Sierra Club Insider. Published twice monthly, it contains information on the latest environmental news, green living tips, urgent action alerts, great outdoor trips, new books, movies, special offers and more of the types of information that might be of interest to any and all members.

At the STATE level, the newsletter is The Pelican. Published 3 times annually, its focus is the latest Sierra News pertinent to the Florida Chapter. (The latest issue features a letter to Governor Scott about how deep injection wells are contrary to the restoration of the Everglades.)

You are reading the LOCAL newsletter of your Sierra Club Group. For lack of a snazzier name, it is called Greater Charlotte Harbor News; it is usually published three times/year.

You have the option of receiving the national, state and local newsletters by print or digitally. National and State newsletters have links to digital subscription on their websites. The local newsletter is posted on the Group website, www.gchgroup.org. Some seasonal members of our group are having trouble receiving their print newsletters, so we hope this information will be of help to everyone who wants to “keep in touch” with Sierra Club activities in a timely fashion. **IN THIS ISSUE:**

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Thanks to the input of our Outings Chair and Outings Leaders, the graphic talents of member Samantha Gentrup and the professionalism of our printer, our Group is proud to announce the publication of two beautiful Outings Brochures. The first edition covers the 27 outings from October 2017 to the end of December 2017. The second edition covers the 39 outings which have been scheduled from January to May 2018. The brochures are being distributed to local libraries; they will be available at each outing, at each General Meeting, and at our booth at the Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival in November.

More about the Nature Festival: (If you can volunteer some time at our booth, call 941-626-4919) . Stop by to say hi and pick up some free brochures!

Where: Charlotte Sports Park – 2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte, FL
When: Saturday, November 18, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Who: For the young and young-at-heart who care about protecting our environment!

Fee: This is a free community event .

Residents and visitors learn about the natural environment of southwest Florida at this free annual event. Many individuals, organizations and businesses, are dedicated to making this festival exciting and informative.



GCHSC Group meets for educational programs on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from October-April excluding December. Held at the Universalist Church, 1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd. in Port Charlotte, meetings begin at 7pm and last approximately one hour.

Our first General Meeting of the 2017-2018 season featured a fascinating presentation by Florida Wildlife Commission biologist Angeline Scotten titled "Pets and Wildlife".

Come join us, and bring your friends, for a fun time socializing, enjoying refreshments and learning about a range of topics relative to our environment in the Southwest region of "Paradise". Mark your calendars now for the next three General Meetings:

- ◆ November 21, 2017 - Eva Furner: "Past, Present and Future of Wildflower Preserve"
- ◆ January 16, 2018 - Dennis Mader: "The Manatees of Horse Creek"
- ◆ February 20, 2018 - Kelly O'Connor: "Spotlight on the Gopher Tortoise"

SEE YOU THERE !

Ballot for 2018 GCHG ExCom Election

Voting Instructions— Indicate your choices by checking next to the names of the candidates. Each member may cast one ballot, voting for no more than four persons. A second column on the ballot is for joint memberships. Use the second column only if you have a joint membership. Circle a 1 or a 2 to record the number of persons voting. The ballots will be checked to see if the membership is entitled to two votes. If an individual member votes in both columns, only first column votes will be counted.

Mailing Instructions— Fold the Ballot, place in an envelope and mail to GCHG Sierra Club Election Committee, PO Box 27221 El Jobean, FL 33927-7221. Ballots must be received by November 30, 2017.

Vote for Four (4)

Circle 1 or 2 here = the number of people voting in your household

Use this column for single membership or the 1st voter in a joint membership household.	Use this column for the 2nd voter in a joint membership household.
Percy Angelo ___	Percy Angelo ___
Roy Ault ___	Roy Ault ___
Samantha Gentrup ___	Samantha Gentrup ___
Allain Hale ___	Allain Hale ___

About The Candidates

Percy Angelo: Retired Environmental Attorney. Instrumental in strides made with phosphate industry. Active in SC and in other conservation groups. Works tirelessly on govt. issues affecting the environment.

Roy Ault: Businessman, columnist and long-standing SC member. Active in Sarasota Group before GCH Group was established. Works for local preserves, promotes and recruits for Sierra Club.

Samantha Gentrup: Certified Teacher in Charlotte County. Actively involved in environmental protection most of her adult life. Special interests = animal rights and educating the public.

Allain Hale: Professional Artist. Has served on Sierra Club ExCom's for Sarasota and Charlotte Groups. Volunteers for People for Trees, Northport Friends of Wildlife and Env. Confederacy of SW Fla.

“To Explore, Enjoy and Protect the Planet”

In the month of November alone, our trained and certified Outings Leaders are exploring the following venues: Babcock Lake at Webb Wildlife Mgt. Area, Alligator Creek, Deer Prairie Creek in North Port, Myrtle Slough, Woolverton Trail Mangroves (lunch on Big Dog Island), Shell Creek Preserve, Shell Creek, Lettuce Lake, and Deep Creek Preserve. We offer paddles, bikes and hikes: go to www.gchgroup.org for full outings descriptions and contact information. Reservations are required. Come on out to explore and enjoy the beautiful habitats we strive to protect !

FYI:

- ◆ Our Chair Hugh reminds us: “There is no Lesser Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club Group”
- ◆ Sue Reske founded the Greater Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club Group in 2006 and served as its first Chair. How many members do we now have? Answer = 469 and growing !
- ◆ Charlotte County is considering changes to relax its wetland protections. The next roundtable discussion for the public will be in early December. Your support for strong protections is important ! Please contact Percy Angelo for information on dates and issues. Email: percy.l.angelo@gmail.com



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