

Get out your 2008 calendars: Plans for Zonta's 7th Annual *Peek at the Unique* are under way

It has only been a few short weeks since the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva's president Sue Denham announced that Linda Robison and Susan Dunn have agreed to co-chair the 7th Annual *Peek at the Unique: A Tour of Island Homes*, but there is already plenty of planning going on. Zonta's next *Peek*—lucky number 7—will be on Saturday March 1, 2008. The Tour this year will take off from the Sanibel Community Church. Tickets will go on sale in February. Watch this paper for future announcements.

Linda and Susan have assembled an able team to oversee various aspects of this popular event. Susan also will be working with Carolyn Tongyai and Ginger Parker to find the perfect homes for this year's tour. The fundraising team is led by Cyndy Lorry, Ruth Woodham and Dianne Johnson. Team Carolyn (Swiney and Grey) will coordinate the event staging area at the Community Church. Judy Workman and Gini Jones lead the group responsible for all things related to buses and tickets. Jan Alden is heading up Publicity. Once again, Carol Simontacchi is pulling together an enticing array of options for our "Chance at the Unique" raffle. Other behind the scenes worker bees include Finance Queen Val Babb, Corresponding Secretary *extraordinaire* Nancy Dorrity, and Volunteer Coordinator ("Cat herder") Barbara Cooley. This only represents the tip of the iceberg that is the *Peek* organizational chart. Last year, most of the almost 70 members of the Club were involved in the fundraiser.

A Peek at the Unique is the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva's major fundraiser each year. It begins at the Sanibel Community Church where *Peekers* enjoy yummy goodies from local eateries to build up strength to venture forth. At their appointed hour, *Peekers* get on the bus and are transported to four unique homes around the islands. En route, the bus captain educates the guests about Zonta and (hopefully) entertains with anecdotes about the houses and the islands. At each home, a speaker, knowledgeable about what makes the house unique, leads *Peekers* through. Then it's back to the Community Church and the real world.

The monies raised by the *Peek* are granted to local and international organizations that are consistent with the Zonta mission: to advance the status of women and girls worldwide. Last year's *Peek* raised almost \$60,000 through ticket sales and sponsorships.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a member of Zonta International, a global service organization. Locally, Zonta is an active club providing hands on assistance, advocacy, and funds to strengthen women's lives on the island, in Lee County, and around the world.