

The Center Quarterly

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Annual Fundraising Celebration
Thursday, March 13, 2008
5:00-8:00pm



Photo taken by Mallory Marshall Haffenreffer at her home and site of the party.

We trust you have received your invitation to the Center's Annual Fundraising Celebration. To help us with planning, we ask that you please return your RSVP card by Saturday, March 8, 2008. Of course, we can accommodate additional guests at the door. Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions.

For many friends of the Center— including local leaders, community members, and FGCU faculty and students—the Center's Annual Fundraising Celebration has become a Sanibel Island tradition. This year we welcome FGCU's new President, Wilson Bradshaw. We do hope you will join us for an exciting and stirring evening.



Gifts from the sea as parting gifts from the Haffenreffers at previous celebrations.

Creating an Ethical Food System with the Earth Charter at Florida Gulf Coast University

The Center's "Food Working Group" uses [Earth Charter](#) Principles as an ethical framework for a creating a humane and sustainable food system at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Student assistants Elan Solveson and Joseph Weakland continue to collaborate with campus foodservice provider Aramark on humane food initiatives, building on the recent switch to cage-free eggs. They have sought a formal commitment from Eagle Dining to not buy animal products produced with unquestionable cruelty, such as veal or foie gras. In seeking humane alternatives, the Center draws inspiration from the Earth Charter, which calls on us to,

"Treat all living beings with respect and consideration" (Principle 15) and to "Prevent cruelty to animals kept in human societies and protect them from suffering" (Subprinciple 15.a).

Eagle Dining has gained ground on another front in food sustainability. Certified fair-trade coffee is now available at the Perch, and by request at franchise operations on campus. Such efforts help realize social justice as it is described in Earth Charter Principle 10,

"Ensure that economic activities and institutions at all levels promote human development in an equitable and sustainable manner."

The Center appreciates the support and cooperation of Aramark and The Humane Society of the United States in its research and work with food systems at FGCU.

Center Director Returns from Sabbatical in Fiji



In special outfits made for the day, children and elders, including the Chief, from Corcoran's adopted village of Tagaqe have traveled many hours by bus to visit Corcoran (far left) on campus.

Center Director, Peter Blaze Corcoran, has been actively engaged in various projects arising from his sabbatical in Fiji. He has given presentations to the community and in classes on his work with both climate change and indigenous wisdom. His next talk entitled, "Islands in a Gathering Storm," will take place at the Center's Annual Fundraising Celebration and will focus on the connections between global climate change in the South Pacific islands and our beloved Florida barrier islands.

He is also delighted with the enthusiasm among FGCU administrators for pursuing a memorandum of understanding between The University of the South Pacific and Florida Gulf Coast University. He believes that such an exchange will greatly benefit our work here. It will not only provide us with the latest scientific understanding of the impacts of climate variability, but will also offer us a non-Western perspective known as "the Pacific way."

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