



*Issues affecting our treasured coastlines*

## Beach Briefs - November 29, 2012

# CEPD, Captiva, and Sanibel Lose a Great Friend



**Tim Gardner.**

Tim Gardner, a great friend to the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, as well as to many other organizations and causes on Captiva and Sanibel, passed away on November 25, 2012.

Tim always welcomed CEPD staff and Commissioners when they asked to tag along with him on sea turtle monitoring trips for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. The CEPD has fond memories of these trips that always included many stops along the Captiva beach to protect a nest, admire shore birds, talk with visitors about the sea turtle program, and document shoreline conditions. Sometimes Tim just came by the CEPD office to say "Hello" or ask "What do you need?" because that was the kind of guy he was - never a complainer and always a doer.

Tim was a dedicated environmentalist. He knew the value and importance of well-maintained beaches to his beloved sea turtles and other wildlife, including osprey. Not only was he a volunteer for SCCF's Sea Turtle Program, he was President of the International Osprey Foundation. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Ding Darling Wildlife Society. A highlight of his career occurred during the Nixon Administration when he was involved in the organization of what was to become the Environmental Protection Agency. He oversaw operations involving fertilizers and pesticides and played a major role in the removal of DDT from the market.

His environmental interests were wide and

varied. He was a Vice President of the Island Water Association. He was a founder of the Bayous Preservation Association and was instrumental in building the culvert between Clam and Dinkins Bayou in the opening of Blind Pass Project to aid in improving the quality of the water on the backbay. He also received an award from the J. N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge for performing over 4,000 hours of volunteer work.

Tim was a great friend, an unselfish and dedicated environmentalist, and a remarkable man. He will be greatly missed.



**Tim on patrol with CEPD measuring an escarpment after a 2011 storm**

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