

26th Annual Coastal Cleanup–Great Success!



On Saturday, September 20, 2014, volunteers pitched-in to clean central. There were 10 dumpsters strategically placed across the county. Land O’ Lakes was just one drop-off site where 38 teams and 445 volunteers pre-registered (42% of the 1,050 total volunteers county-wide) to participate to clean designated lakes, creeks, roads, ditches, and drainage retention areas in central part of the county. *“Although we picked up a few volunteers onsite this morning, we lost several (30-40) due to the rainy weather – they don’t understand the rain makes it cooler – either you are soaked due to perspiration or you get a light sprinkle – I prefer the latter, and there was a slight breeze!”* explained **Betsy Crisp**, area co-captain with **Kurt Conover** for the past 23 years in Land O’ Lakes.

After several hours of hot, sweaty work, volunteers returned to the **SunTrust Bank** where they turned-in 51 data cards and filled the dumpster with 1.61 tons (5% increase over 2013 and 8% of the total 19.74 collected county-wide). Just *some* of the most unusual things collected this year included:

- About 20 empty vodka bottles (Parkway Boulevard)
- Wedding garter (Collier Parkway)
- Couch, TV, toilet, dishwasher, garden hose and pipes (Drexel/Tower Roads)
- TV Remote Control and Credit Card (Collier Parkway/Willow Bend)

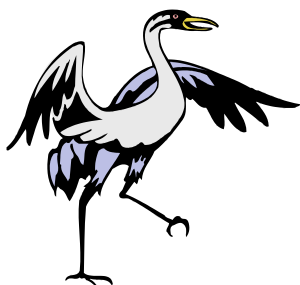


Approx. \$5,000 is raised each year in T-shirts, food and prizes from local merchants to reward volunteers after all that hot and sweaty work! Kurt Conover and I want to personally thank you and our Land O’ Lakes sponsors:

- SunTrust
- Hungry Harry’s BBQ
- Ierna Heating & Cooling
- McDonalds
- West Coast Rental
- Waste Management
- Lutz-LOL Woman’s Club
- Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point
- UF/IFAS-Pasco County Extension
- And many more that helped make this day possible.



Sandra and Kurt Conover, Betsy Crisp



Pasco County government, citizens and our wildlife also thank you!

To volunteer to coordinate next year’s cleanup or for more information, contact:	
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