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Sanibel Captiva Trust Company Hosts WOW Seminar

SANIBEL ISLAND, FL (February 11, 2011) – The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company continued its series of women’s seminars on Tuesday, February 8 at The Sanctuary Clubhouse.

More than 50 ladies gathered to hear presentations by Penny Briant, CPA, of LarsonAllen, and Claudia Polzin, Donor Development Coordinator at Community Foundation of Collier County. Trust Company CEO Al Hanser welcomed the women to the event.

Briant spelled out the tax advantages passed into law on December 17 by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010.

The \$858 billion legislation extends the Bush-era tax cuts through 2012 on income, capital gains, and taxes, said Briant. The law extends the current 10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, and 35% tax-rate brackets. As a backdrop to the tax debate, Briant gave the ladies a tour of tax history over the past century, showing them periods of extremely high and low taxation.

“I appreciated the Sanibel ladies coming to hear a discussion about such a technical topic as the new tax Act,” said Briant, who answered questions after her talk. “Failure to pass the Act would have resulted in a higher tax burden for anyone who pays taxes. We now have a two year planning opportunity that should be put to good use.”

Briant was followed by Polzin, who gave a talk on philanthropy. Women make decisions about billions of dollars of funds allocated to charity in the U.S. each year, and Polzin discussed the ways in which women analyze the use made of donations by recipients.

Naples Trust Company President Adria Starkey, who has been coordinating the series for the past two years, said, “I am always happy when we can add to the knowledge base of women. Our purpose in the WOW program is to empower women to be informed and confident to handle their future independently. We strive to add value with every session. We also hope they have some fun with a great group of women.”

“The WOW program is very informative,” said Janie Howland, who attended the event as is a co-chair of SCCF’s new capital campaign. “They pick interesting and relevant topics that help women better manage their finances and their lives.”