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## Conch Characters of the Month

Colbert playing at the Big Chill



Sid and Micha at Sharkey's Rockin' the Dock party.



Lucy, the happiest bartender at the VFW and waitress at the Galley Restaurant.



Gladys Cornell from the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce celebrated her birthday at the Big Chill. Her daughter Lauren couldn't make it so she sent a life size card board cut out of herself. Happy Birthday Gladys!

# and More Conch Characters



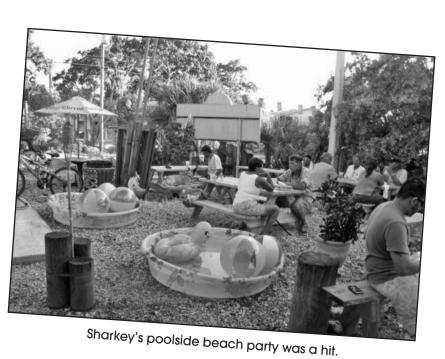
The Upper Keys' most ambitious real estate sales team, Tammy Patten and Chris Stanford, dining at The Galley. You can find them at Key Largo Realty 451-2111



Monday night is "Jam Night" at Gilbert's Resort. Stop by the waterfront bar located at mile marker 108.



Paul at Sharkey's.





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## Interesting Facts About the Florida Keys...

Key West is the southern most city in the continental United States. It is closer to Havana, Cuba than Miami, Florida.

There are 42 bridges that connect the islands of the Florida Keys.

The Everglades and Florida Bay are referred to as the "backcountry" in the Fabulous Florida Keys.

Many habitats of the Florida Keys are known as wetlands because at times they are submerged under water and have soil that holds much moisture.

Key Largo is the longest key. The word, "key" comes from the Spanish word, "cayo" which means "little island."

Since the 1980s, approximately 23

artificial reefs have been put in place in the Keys. Most are sunken ships.

The only living coral reef ecosystem in North America is located just a few miles offshore of these very islands.

At 18 feet above sea level Windley Key, in Islamorada, is the highest elevation in the Keys.

Last year the Florida Keys led the state in lodging occupancy and the average daily room rate.

The Keys are the only frostfree place in Florida.

The Seven Mile Bridge is actually only 35,716 feet long, short of seven miles by 1,244

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