Celebrities serve up hope

Where will you be this Wednesday evening? Hopefully you'll be enjoying a delicious Italian family-style dinner, hosted by yours truly and the Alzheimer's Association in partnership with the Van Duzer Foundation. Local "celebrities" donating their time to raise funds for the Safe Return Bracelet program include Chis Dzadovsky, Jane Rowley, Johnny Stovall, Jimmy Stovall, Dr. Tracey Cerbone, Diamond Litty, Chris Craft, Cathy Townsend, Anthony Westbury, Steve Erlanger, Mike Goforth, Adam Neal, Kathy Post, Larry Lee, Bob Davis, Bill Parrish, Sue Ellen Sanders and Donna True. Realtor Shirley Copenhaver will emcee the event and act as auctioneer for hourly items that include Highwaymen paintings, a two-night stay at the Melon Patch Inn on North Hutchinson Island, Dessert-of-the-Month, jewelry by Diamond by Terry and more. There will be raffles galore and fun for the entire family, as the Van Duzer Foundation pulls out all the stops with a bounce house slide that can be enjoyed by adults and children. Our goal is to put Safe Return bracelets on at least 100 of the 8,000 people suffering from Alzheimer's disease here in St. Lucie County, and the WalMart Distribution has kicked things off with a $1,200 donation - that's 24 bracelets! Dinner is $10 per adult and $5 per child under 12 and includes salad, garlic knots, ziti and meatballs and dessert. Reservations are being taken for the hourly dining times, beginning at 5 p.m., by calling Diane Black at (772) 979-0058.