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"Every child is a gift from GOD."

Upcoming Dates

Jan	26	Steve Archer – Florida State Archeology
Feb	2	Board Meeting at the regular meeting time * all members are encouraged to come
Feb	9	Donna Casteel - Play for Pink
Feb	16	J. Patrick Buckley III – Self defense for Women
Mar	2	Board meeting at the regular meeting time
Mar	6	Zone Conference in Bradenton, first 4 to sign up club will pay your registration fee.
Mar	27	Car Wash * Eagle Lube
Apr	25	Taste of Estero - Sponsored by Estero-Gulf Coast Kiwanis - Sell Dining Books

Membership Contest

For every guest you bring from now until March 30th your name will be entered into a drawing for a free Delicious Dining Discount Book. So bring lots of guests, the more you bring the more times your name will be entered into the drawing. Special recognition will also be given to each member that brings in a new member. More details on the March 30th Special Membership Day to follow. Danielle has agreed to lead this Membership campaign, let's all give her a hand!

Florida Kiwanis Foundation

The **function and goal** of the Florida Kiwanis Foundation is to establish permanency, through contributions and donations, that will assure our youth leadership and development programs will continue without interruption. The **purpose** of the Foundation is to support Florida Youth to ensure a brighter future and "Leave a Legacy for the Children." The **mission** is to enable caring individuals to combine their resources of time, talent, and money to make a greater impact on the needs of children and families in Florida.

The main areas of support are the Service Leadership Programs, Club Grants, Disaster Relief, Umbrella Accounts for Clubs, and Special Projects. The Endowment Fund, which currently has about One Million Dollars, supports the Florida District Service Leadership Programs with about \$45,000 annually. Any Kiwanis club (that is supportive of the Foundation) may apply for a grant that assists in projects that contribute to the achievement of the Objects of Kiwanis International. Club grants are awarded only twice a year. All clubs are asked to contribute \$5 per member on an annual basis.

The sources of the grants comes not only from the yield from the Endowment Fund, but also from Sustaining Memberships (\$25 or more individual gifts per year), funds raised at the Caring Corner at yearly District Convention, Disaster Relief Restricted Gifts, and from Recognition Plaques & Memorial Gifts.

Income sources for the Endowment Fund include \$500 and \$1000 gifts by and for individuals, corporate and restricted gifts, Legacy Society \$5000 gifts, investment growth and planned giving.

Discount Dining Book

The book dead line is January 23rd, we still need restaurants from the Cape Coral area. If you have a favorite restaurant please approach them, we have several key phrases that will help with the sale. Also some creative ideas on distribution would be helpful. This is a great deal for \$20, all are buy one get one (BOGO is the slang term), some have additional stipulation of maximum value of \$25 or \$20 or \$15, **or** with purchase of two beverages, but not both the dollar amount and two beverages. Save the April 25th date for the Taste of Estero, where we can promote Kiwanis and sell our Dining Books. At least four people are needed for the entire six hour period from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., but more would be better!

Matt Ponzio – President
Danielle Emery – President-Elect
David Stauffer – Vice President
Karen Sonnanstine – Treasurer
Terry Luster – Secretary
Kelly Sonnanstine – Past President

Diane Connell - Director
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Viki Luster – Director
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Donna Parton - Governor

Donna Williamson - Lt Governor