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"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see." ~John W. Whitehead

Upcoming Dates

Jan.	12	Chris Morant & Melissa Terry – The Bridge
Jan	19	Harris Segel - Florida Foundation Trustee
Jan	23	Calusa BUG Chase 5K & BUG Crawl Trail Walk * Metro-McGregor Kiwanis 7:30am start Time, Register online at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com for more information call Mike Pemberton at 239-225-0234 or email mperberton7@aol.com
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

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.

New Time for Board Meetings

Starting with first Tuesday in February, on the 2nd - boarding meeting will be held during the regular meeting time frame. There will be no speaker, all members are encouraged to attend. It has been suggested that Committees could also meet on that day.

Board Meeting News

March 30 has been set as "Membership Day" --- every member should plan to bring somebody to that meeting who may be a potential new member, **BUT** you do not have to wait until then to bring somebody to a meeting. . "Special" things will be planned for that meeting, think **NOW** of who you will invite to that meeting!

The board agreed to support the following as indicated: Kiwanis International Foundation - \$170, Florida Kiwanis Foundation - \$170, Brightest Horizons - \$100, Child Advocacy Center - \$100, and Builders Club Shirts - \$200.

Ronald McDonald House®

Ronald McDonald House® is a home-away-from-home for families who have seriously ill children receiving medical treatment in our five-county area. Our house serves Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, our House offers families a temporary home with six private bedroom suites with bath, fully stocked kitchen, dining room, living room, children's recreation room and laundry room to meet the needs of our families.

On the campus of The Children's Hospital at HealthPark in South Fort Myers (off of Bass Road), the Ronald McDonald House® is staffed with a full time Executive Director, Secretary, Residence Manager. A Weekend Manager covers the House from 5:00 pm each Friday through 5:00 pm Sunday. We also have a Volunteer Coordinator and a host of volunteers.

Ronald McDonald House® offers all of this to families for only a small contribution; if that is not possible, no one is turned away.

The first House opened in Philadelphia in 1974, inspired by a young leukemia patient whose parents decided there had to be something better than spending lonely, anxious nights in hospital waiting rooms far from home. Since then, Ronald McDonald House®s have served more than 2 million family members in 28 countries. If you have ever been the parent of a seriously ill child who had no place to lay your head during one of these most difficult times, you can appreciate what we do every day at one of more than 261 Ronald McDonald Houses® around the world.

Please take a look at the many ways you can support us including our Wish List.

Volunteers:

We have many opportunities for volunteers within the Charity, to include household chores, office tasks, fundraising, website maintenance, community awareness, outreach, etc. Please come by the house for a tour (any day of the week between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm), pick up a Volunteer Packet, fill out the Volunteer Application (in the packet or online), then send or bring it to the Ronald McDonald House. Check our Events page for updated information.

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