

Kiwanis

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Upcoming Dates

January 10-11	Medieval Faire – Kiwanis Club of Riverdale-Lee County
January 13	Hannah Pelle – Fort Myers Metro – “Calusa 5K Bug Chase” on January 24 th .
January 17-18	Medieval Faire – Kiwanis Club of Riverdale-Lee County
January 20	Habitat 4 Humanity – Trish Goins
January 22	Inter-Club – San Carlos Park-Estero, 7:15 a.m., Talk of the Town
January 24	Calusa 5K Bug Chase
January 27	Big Brothers Big Sisters – Michele Guptill
January 31	Florida Kiwanis Zone Conference - see page 2 – This will give all new comers insight to Kiwanis. It is well worth attending, you will not go away disappointed. Kelly suggests carpooling or going the night before and making it a fun time. Let her know.
February 9	Children’s Hospital Tour conducted by hospital staff with Dr. Iacuone in attendance. Tour will begin at 2pm, Danielle is asking that teens be able to attend. Please call her, email or just ask at the next meeting for more info.
February 21	9am – Harry Chapin Food bank tour – bring your family help sort food items
March 14	Peanut Day

Shirts & Name Tags

Shirts & palm tree nametags are in process, let Kelly know if you need to order a shirt.

Burrowing Owls, Beverly Saltonstall -Speaker

Cape Coral is home to Florida's largest population of Burrowing Owls. Experts estimate that there are more than 1,000 nesting pairs in the city. In addition to being good neighbors, the owls are good for Cape Coral's economy. Birding enthusiasts come from all over the country to view and photograph our owls.

The owls have been designated a "species of special concern" by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. With appropriate protection and management, the owls will avoid becoming a "threatened species."

Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife (CCFW) educates members of the community about the owls and teaches citizens what they can do to help them survive and thrive in the midst of unprecedented development. With a little bit of help from humans, the owls are perfectly able to live side by side with us in our urban environment.

CCFW distributes materials for perches and shows residents how to build starter burrows on their own property. Owls who have been displaced by construction recognize these burrows and are happy to move in. The group also instructs people how to safely and properly maintain new and existing burrows, as the owls are known to abandon burrows that become overgrown.

"Calusa 5K Bug Chase" Set for January 24th

Volunteer chairman Pat King states, "We are looking for approximately 10 more volunteers. We will need volunteers to help direct cars for parking. And in general direct the runners and help people moving in the right directions. We will need folks handing waters and so forth to runners but I think I will have the high school volunteers do that. We certainly would appreciate any help that you could provide." His email is patrick.king@raymondjames.com, phone -278-1976. Event Chairwoman Hannah Pelle will be speaking at the January 13th meeting.

Zone Conference Education / Training Workshops

Division 19 Zone Conference is set for January 31st with details following: **Eckerd College**, 4200 South 54th Ave. St. Petersburg; **7:30 - 8:30 a.m.** Registration and Continental Breakfast; **8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** Opening Session; **9:10 - 11:50 a.m.** Workshops; **12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m.** Closing Session by Governor Dave Liddell and 2007-08 Club Awards Presentation by Immediate Past Governor Mark Taylor. Workshop topics include **Special Membership Meeting, Key Club / CKI and Aktion Clubs, Fundraising and Insurance, Young Children: Priority One, Secretaries Training Q & A, Increase Membership Youth Services, Public Relations/Club Bulletins/Florida Kiwanian, Human & Spiritual Values, International Understanding, Diversity/Retention, Community Service, Kiwanis Foundations, K-Kids / Builders Club, Duties of Delegates to Int'l Convention.**

Kiwanis International & Florida Kiwanis Magazines

If you still have not received either one or both of these magazines, please email Terry at terry.luster@nvtlsi.com to let your club Secretary know which magazine(s) you have not received, so he can check on the problem. You should have received both December issues, the next issues should arrive about the first week of February.