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"If there were dreams to sell, what would you buy?"

- [Thomas Lovell Beddoes](#)

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Faith United Methodist Church
15690 McGregor Blvd., Room 106
From McGregor Blvd, turn in right and go until you
have to turn left. Look for "Kiwaniis" sign.

Meeting Calendar

October 26	Gena Dengler - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
November 2	Board Meeting
November 5	Committee Reports Due
November 9	Susan Schmitt – Ambassador Academy
November 16	Matt Ponzio - UPS Shipping



Faith United's Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 31, 6:00-7:30 pm.
Contact Kelly Sonnanstine at
ksonnans@hotmail.com to donate money/candy.
If you plan to bring your car, please arrive by
5:30 pm.

A Short Survey

Please help us make our club as member-friendly as possible by answering the following questions. Responses will be discussed at the November Board meeting with results to follow. Please email your responses to Diane Connell at dconnell@cac-swfl.org. Thank you!

1. Would you attend Club meetings if they were held at 11:45 AM on a different day of the week?

Yes No

If "yes", which day of the week would you prefer?

Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday

2. Would you attend Club meetings if they were held at:

7:00 AM Yes No

7:30 AM Yes No

If "yes" to either, which day of the week would you prefer?

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

In addition, please include any comments particularly as they relate to NOT being able to attend on a specific day/time.

An Even Shorter Survey!

Would you be willing to purchase and/or sell gift boxes of See's Candies for the holidays as a Club fundraiser? If so, how many boxes?

Please email your responses to Diane Connell at dconnell@cac-swfl.org. Thank you!!

FEEDING THE 5000 Thanksgiving Outreach

To volunteer, visit: www.feedingthe5000.net

OR

Contact Kelly Sonnanstine at ksonnans@hotmail.com

GTTI's Biggest Fundraiser Continues!

Delicious Dining Discount books are still available for purchase. This year's edition contains "buy one get one" offers from 47 Lee County restaurants. At only \$20 per book, it's a great value. For more information, contact Viki Luster at: vluster@nvtlsi.com. To find out where to purchase books, visit our club website: www.kiwanisqtti.com.

Service Opportunities

Hats and Hugs – **NEW stuffed animals** for Children's Advocacy Center and **hats** for The Children's Hospital.

Tales for Tots – **Children's books** for ages 0-2 for Brightest Horizons.

The Heights Foundation – Mom and Tots Play Group, Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 am. If interested, please contact Diane Connell at: dconnell@cac-swfl.org.

The Junior League needs volunteers for **Taste of the Town** on 11/7/10. Please contact Danielle Emery if you are interested at danielle.m.emery@ampf.com.

The **Fort Myers Beach Chamber** seeks volunteers for the **Sandsculpting Contest**, November 11-14. Contact Terry Luster at tluster@nvtlsi.com.

October 19, 2010 Meeting Highlights

- **Members welcomed guest speaker, Dotty St. Amand with the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center.**
- **If you have not already done so (and you know who you are!), please answer the survey questions (see "A Short Survey", above). Thank you!**
- **If any committee chairs are having trouble completing the online committee reports, please contact Terry Luster for assistance at tluster@nvtlsi.com.**

- **Kat Williams was inducted as the newest Club member. She was sponsored by Terry Luster. Welcome Kat!**
- **The Builder's Club was featured in the River Weekly for their food drive to benefit The Salvation Army.**
- **Special thanks to Ballantine Florist for donating the carnations that the Builder's Club will sell for Breast Cancer Awareness month.**
- **Member Kat Williams will participate in an upcoming 5K for breast cancer awareness. To sponsor Kat, contact her at kw12959@aol.com. Go Kat!**
- **The Club received three new patches for its community service: Kiwanis One Day, Kiwanis Read Around the World, and Kiwanis Young Children Priority One.**
- **Terry Luster asked members if they were interested in selling gift boxes of See's Candies for the holidays. The Club would purchase a minimum of 200 boxes at \$3 each, and sell them for \$5. Members will decide at next week's meeting. Viki Luster recommended partnering with another club if we agree to sell the candy.**

Guest Speaker: Dotty St. Amand – Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center was established in 1995 to provide education, information, and support to people with memory impairment and their caregivers throughout Lee County. Currently, there are an estimated 22,000 cases of Alzheimer's disease in Lee County. Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is a progressive, irreversible brain disease that slowly damages nerve cells. It is characterized by memory loss, impaired judgment, disorientation to persons, places, and time, impaired communication, and personality changes.

The Center provides a variety of services to assist caregivers including: monthly support groups, lending library, education programs for professionals and the general public, individualized assistance to families, Safety Program/Wanderer's ID Bracelets, and a scholarship program for high school seniors affected by the disease. In addition, the Center established the Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership or LEAPP, a coalition among Lee County human service providers to create community partnerships that effectively promote awareness of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Dotty shared two examples of young people working with the Center's clients. Gulf Coast Village partnered with the Center to bring a local Brownie troop in to visit residents. A former Fort Myers High School student created a program whereby high school students read to residents at Superior Residence and Heartland Nursing Home.

For more information, visit www.alzheimersswfl.org.

*The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center presents:
Brushstrokes from the Soul - 14th Annual Art Show
Tuesday, November 9 - 6:30 PM
Robb & Stucky, 17170 S. Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers*

*This event features art created by individuals who receive services
from local assisted living facilities, skilled nursing centers, day stay
programs, and retirement communities.
The event is free, but please RSVP by November 5th to 437-3007.*

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and one community at a time.*