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Disaster Can Strike Quickly and Without Warning, BE RED CROSS READY

It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services--water, gas, electricity or telephones--were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. Therefore, the best way to make your family and your home safer is to be prepared before disaster strikes.

Terrorism--Preparing for the Unexpected, Power Outage, Family Disaster Planning: Make sure your family has a plan in place before a disaster occurs.

Children & Disasters: “*Masters of Disaster*,” the award-winning disaster preparedness curriculum teaches children how to prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters and other emergencies.

Special Needs & Concerns:

Additional information for the elderly and people with special medical concerns that could hinder mobility during a disaster.

Animal Safety: Make sure you are ready to handle pets, service animals and livestock during an emergency.

Financial Preparations: How to minimize property damage and financial risks.

Business & Industry Guide: A step-by-step approach to emergency planning, response and recovery for companies of all sizes. For more information, or to volunteer, contact the Red Cross at (239) 278-3401.

The Power of Networking Opportunities

Terri Bohinick was our speaker on September 22, her ConKerr Cancer pillowcase card was found at Sew Studio and she was asked to speak to our meeting. She was also asked to join our group and she did. The next week she brought Justin Smith who joined us. He volunteered to take on the website. On September 27th Sew Studio hosted a pillowcase sew and four of our members went to help. Member 1 introduced the pillowcase project to two churches and both are making pillowcases for Terri. Member 2 sewed various cases and introduced two other women to the project. They are still sewing up a storm. Member 3 is in the process of making more pillowcases. Member 4 showed how we can touch the lives of others by involving our children. Bill Gunnin from the Boys & Girls Club and Terri did some great networking after our meeting on November 18th. It was a win-win for both of them. Our member Terri will get pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer & the Boys and Girls club will learn about sewing and giving back. If you do not attend, you cannot network or learn about service projects. How many lives have been touch and changed? How many more will be touched as the result of this great effort? WE can do small things in a big way and make a difference in the life of a child. Business networking can have similar results.

Lamb of God Up-Date

President Kelly sent out a dire need for Drivers to help with delivering Thanksgiving dinners, at the time the church had blossomed from 300 to 2300 the final total was 2970 meals served. Five Kiwanis clubs sent drivers to help; Terri Bohinick & Matt Ponzio from our club were two of the drivers. Terri & company delivered 35 meals in North Fort Myers. Matt & family only had 10 meals to deliver but his assignment was a little more challenging with address bloopers, but all meals got to the correct locations. Everyone was blessed and humbled by the gratefulness in which the meals were received. Small things in a BIG way affect many lives.

No Continuing Education this Week, Too Much Great Stuff to Share

Canned Food Drive Continues

The Food banks are dangerously low please bring what you **can**.

Please Pray for Member Todd Smith

His address is 1400 SE 29th Street, Cape Coral 33904. Terry & Viki stopped by to see if Todd was at work on Dec. 2nd and indeed he was. After a few minutes with him, it was evident that he has a long road ahead, but has a very positive attitude. Keep him in your prayers and drop him a line.

Upcoming Dates

December 9	Harris Segel – Florida Kiwanis Foundation Division Trustee
December 16	John J. Iacuone, M.D. – Executive Director of Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
December 23	TBA
December 30	TBA
January 5	Board Meeting RBC Bank 1:30