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Upcoming Dates

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| January 5 | Board Meeting |
| January 6 | Beverly Saltonstall – Cape Owls |
| January 10-11 | Medieval Faire |
| January 13 | Hannah Pelle – Fort Myers Metro – “Calusa 5K Bug Chase” on
January 24, 2009 |
| January 17-18 | Medieval Faire |
| January 20 | Habitat 4 Humanity – Trish Goins |
| January 24 | Calusa 5K Bug Chase |
| January 27 | TBA |
| 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. Tour will be conducted by hospital staff, Dr. Iacuone
will be 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
information. |

Harry Chapin Food Bank

Here's what we learned from, Executive Director Al Brislain, during our December 30th meeting. In the Southwest Florida service area of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, there are 100,000 people that live in poverty and too often miss meals or experience hunger. The fastest growing segments of need include children, seniors living on fixed incomes, and the working poor.

Last year, this collaborative food drive brought in half a million pounds of nutritious food for distribution in Harry Chapin Food Bank's five-county service area. The need is even greater this year, so they need help to exceed their goal in 2008 with funds (to pay for transportation, boxes, bins, and other direct costs) and food purchases at your local Publix. With the greater need for nutritious, fresh food, the Harry Chapin Food Bank is making optimum use of its new refrigerated truck to increase perishable food pick-ups. It was purchased with grants from: The Vincent A. Stabile Foundation, The Mediterra Foundation, and Leather Medic Inc. Another truck is on its way, through a grant from Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest). And the Food Bank thanks the Church of Latter Day Saints (in group photo) for delivering a recent mixed load (\$10,000 worth) of fruit, vegetables, and tuna.

Create a team, make a donation or pledge, join a team already in place, or send out invitations to friends, family members, and colleagues! Take time now to join in the 1st annual WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk on January 17, 2009. Visit harrychapinfb.dojiggy.com to learn more about this fun event at Miromar Outlet Mall and how it will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Also take time to thank sponsors (to date): Miromar Outlets, Northern Trust Bank; FGCU; The Prawnbroker Restaurant Group; Oswald Trippe and Company, Inc.; McDonald's/Tom Fewster, Jr.; Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.; Garden Street Iron & Metal; Miller, Helms & Folk, P.A.; Publix Super Market Charities; Keene Development; Synergy; Southwest Florida Neurosurgical & Rehab Associates; and The ROCK for Hair and Nails.

Medieval Faire Opportunity

We have six volunteers for the 11th of January to man one Coke trailer. Go Gateway! There are more opportunities to volunteer and attend the Faire (admission free) before or after your 2 ¼ to 3 hour shift on any of the four days of the Faire, January 10, 11, 17, 18. Just let Terry Luster know you want to do so, so that he can coordinate with the Kiwanis Club of Riverdale-Lee County to get you plugged-in.

“Calusa 5K Bug Chase” Set for January 24th

From Fort Myers-Metro volunteer coordinator (Patrick (Pat) King, phone 278-1976 and email patrick.king@raymondjames.com), “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. It is looking like it might be a successful venture. We certainly would appreciate any help that you could provide.”

Board of Directors Meeting

All members of the Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands may attend any and all Board Meetings. Meetings are the first Monday of every month (unless it is a holiday) at 1:30 p.m. at RBC Bank and should last no more than an hour.