

Kiwanis

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Bruce Barton: “For good or ill, your conversation is your advertisement. Every time you open your mouth you let men look into your mind.”

Upcoming Dates

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| 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 has permission that teens may attend. |
| February 10 | Harlem Heights Improvement Association – Angela Jackson, Resident Coord. |
| February 17 | Brightest Horizons Child Development Center – Tina Parsons, Exec Director |
| February 19 | Red Sox Children’s Hospital Celebrity Classic Mardi Gras “Tee Party” 6-8 pm. |
| February 24 | Lee County Alliance for the Arts – Lydia Black |
| March 2 | Board Meeting RBC Bank 1:30 all are welcome |
| March 3 | Big Brothers Big Sisters |
| March 10 | TBA |
| March 14 | Peanut Day & Car Wash |
| March 28 | 9am – Harry Chapin Food bank tour – bring your family help sort food items |
| April 4 | Kiwanis One Day – Gateway Family Cook Out Lakes Park |

About ECHO

Mike Sullivan, Development Director for ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization), spoke at our Tuesday Kiwanis luncheon meeting. ECHO is a non-profit, inter-denominational Christian organization located on a demonstration farm in North Fort Myers; FL. ECHO has been assisting a global network of missionaries and development workers since 1981 and is currently serving agricultural workers in 180 countries. ECHO exists for one major reason, to help those working internationally with the poor be more effective, especially in the area of agriculture! We are a technical support organization helping community development organizations and workers do what they do . . . better! We do this in three ways:

Education and Training

- Internship Program
- Non-formal Education
- Formal Education
- Workshops

Problem Solving

- *ECHO Development Notes (EDN)*
- ECHO's Technical Website
- ECHO's Technical Response Unit (TRU)
- Overseas Agricultural Consulting
- Seeds of Underutilized Crops

Networking

- Annual ECHO Agricultural Conference (EAC)
- Correspondence
- Internet Forums
- Strategic Partnerships

Echo's Global Farm Research and Learning Center

Echo's Global Farm was originally developed to train interns, students and overseas development workers in tropical agriculture. The first stage of the project was completed in February 2001 and was finalized in 2004. Guided Tours of the Global Village are enjoyed by over 10,000 tourists, local residents, colleges, and church groups each year. Tours are used to educate about agricultural issues in developing countries, while highlighting unique solutions to growing food under harsh conditions.

Public Tours: January - March: Tuesday - Friday at 10:00am and 2:00pm, and Saturday at 10:00am * April - December: Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday at 10:00am *For groups of 8 or larger, please make a reservation. *Limited handicapped accommodations are also available. Please call ahead to make handicapped reservations. **For reservations, please call ECHO at (239) 567-3315.** Admission: Adults \$8, Children \$5 children under 6 free. Website www.echonet.org.

Shirt Order Deadline Extended

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the deadline for any of the three shirt types (Permanent-Press Button Down, T-shirt, or Polo) has been extended until the Feb 10th meeting. Call or email Terry.

Kiwanis Peanut Day

Division 19 "Peanut Day" has been set for March 14th. The Gateway Board discussed this fundraising idea at their last meeting and will be making final decisions at the February 2nd Board Meeting. Please share any ideas you may have on where/how we could promote the peanuts for a donation with any officer or board member.

Car Wash

March 14th will be a big day for our club; we have also scheduled a car wash. The wash will be held at our member Chris Heidrick's Eagle Car Wash located near the corner of Summerlin Road on San Carlos Blvd. We will need at least 10 people. Car wash will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

My Facebook

Are you interested in learning what "Facebook" is all about? Here is the Kiwanis of Fort Myers Gateway To The Islands page, with Kelly & Danielle posted, contact Kelly or Danielle for more information or to "check it out." Karen and David may also be found here.

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1271535155#/group.php?gid=11563484995>