

# Kiwanis

## NEWSLETTER

# The Gateway Gazette News

## Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands

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### Upcoming Dates

March 17	Renzos Designs at Six Mile Cypress Slough – Renzos Avila
March 24	Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center – President Joanne Semmer
March 31	Lee County Sheriff – Crime Prevention - Michelle Sargis
April 4	Kiwanis One Day – Project <u>TBD</u> followed by Gateway Family Cook Out at Lakes Park
April 6	Board Meeting RBC Bank 1:30, all members are welcome
April 7	Youth Services at Lakes Regional Library – Kristy Sutorius
April 14	Learning Solutions – Laurie Frydenlund
April 21	Gabriel House – Edward Ravish
April 28	Calusa Nature Center – Sanders Lewallen
May 4	Board Meeting RBC Bank 1:30, all members are welcome
May 5	Conservancy of Southwest Florida – Jean Roche
May 9	Mail Carrier Food Drive – Volunteer Opportunity with United Way
May 12	Lee County Bar Association President – Keith Grossman
May 19	Dr. Piper Center for Social Services – Nida Eluna
May 26	LARC Community Relations & Education – Lisa Cronin Miller
June 2	Community Cooperative Ministries – Sara Owen
June 9	Girl Scouts of America Community Development – Megan Fasig

## United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades

### **Volunteer Center component**

We connect individuals, groups and businesses to volunteer opportunities. Assist school age youth and court ordered community service locate opportunities to fulfill obligations. Work in collaboration with other agencies, work smarter-not harder. One-time events, routine opportunities, direct, in-direct service, special events. Can assist service groups such as Kiwanis with suggestions.

### **United Way in General**

1 in 3 people in Lee County touched somehow by UW in 2008. Goal recently announced 8 million thanks to goodness of this community. Reference brochure and decision to make personal contribution. Where does money go? How?

### **211**

Similar to 911, but 211 is non-emergency. Comprehensive information & referral program, human service needs lines are staffed 24/7. Examples of calls given our current economy, Storm information hotline, Collaboration

There are new challenges facing our society every day, thanks for giving your time and talents to help our community Kiwanis touches lives everyday

### **Meeting Speaker Questions**

Please respect time considerations of members present at meetings if we are at or near the 12:45 meeting ending time and save questions until the meeting is over. We do not want to discourage questions and learning, but other business members have their scheduled based on the meeting ending at 12:45, and we have never had a speaker that is not willing to stay afterwards to answer questions. Thanks for your understanding and caring.

### **“Delicious Dining Discounts”**

Plan to attend the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, as that will be kickoff day for members to get books to sell for our major fundraiser. Currently we have 32 restaurants committed and more in the works.

### **Birthdays**

I was going to start a new item in the newsletter, but will have to postpone it until April, as out of 38 members, I could not find anybody with a March birthday. Did I miss somebody? How about anniversaries, does anybody have one in March or April?

### **Chamber of Commerce Luncheon**

We were honored as new members, got our picture taken and Terry said a few words about us!

**Knock, knock! Who's there? Irish. Irish who? Irish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!**

**What's little and green and stuck to your bumper? A leprechaun who didn't look both ways.**

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