

# Kiwanis

## NEWSLETTER

# The Gateway Gazette News

## Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands

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### Upcoming Dates

March 10	United Way Volunteer Center Manager – Kim Berghs
March 11	Interclub at Harney Point-Cape Coral at 11:45
March 12	Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce Lunch – Bayfront Bistro at 11:45
March 14	Peanut Day & Car Wash
March 17	Renzos Designs at Six Mile Cypress Slough – Marcella 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 – Harry Chapin Food Bank followed by Gateway Family Cook Out 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 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

## **BIG Brothers BIG Sisters**

The new executive director of the five counties of Southwest Florida, Michele Guptil spoke at our most recent meeting. In the search of looking for “BIGS” she told us it only takes one hour a week to change a child’s life. Beside the Community Program of matching one-on-one, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Florida also provide a “Littles for Literacy” school program where BIGS go to a school to spend one-on-one time and attention to a specific “Little.” The other program is “MCOP” or Mentoring Children of Promise. This one hour weekly program is for children of incarcerated parents, so that these children break the cycle of the 70% chance of themselves also becoming incarcerated. Michele challenged us to participate in their annual “Bowl for Kids Sake” in June to compete against other service organizations. Go to [www.hereforthekids.org](http://www.hereforthekids.org) for more information or contact Michele at 239-278-0003 or [michele@hereforthekids.org](mailto:michele@hereforthekids.org).

## **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.

## **Kiwanis Peanut Day**

Division 19 “Peanut Day” has been set for March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Gateway Board approved this fundraising idea at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. “Presale” car wash tickets are now available, contact President Kelly or get them at the next meeting. Any and all youth that we might be able to get to help us would be GREAT!

## **“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. As of this writing there are 17 restaurants on board with us and a good chance of 4-5 more that have been contacted. Fort Myers Beach (Estero Island) will be the final contacts in the coming week, which will make over 90 restaurants considered. More details later.

## **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?

Kelly Sonnanstine – President  
Matt Ponzio – President-Elect  
Danielle Emery – Vice President  
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Mike Huisman – Director  
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