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“Man becomes man only by his intelligence, but he is man only by his heart. “ [Henri Frederic Amiel](#)

Upcoming Dates

April	1	Hard Hat Party 15570 Hagie Drive – Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center
April	6	Board Meeting all are welcome
April	10	Kiwanis One Day – Lehigh Acres – Methodist Church 8 am – 12 pm - Haiti Outreach
April	13	Dr. Nicola Foote, expert in history/current affairs & women’s issues at FGCU
April	20	Joanne Hartke, Director, Institute of Government at FGCU
April	25	Esterio Taste
April	27	TBA
May	4	Board Meeting all are welcome

Discount Dining Books

This is a great deal for \$20, all are buy one get one (BOGO is the slang term); some have additional stipulation of maximum value of \$25 or \$20 or \$15, or with purchase of two beverages, but not both the dollar amount and two beverages.

There are 47 restaurants participating this year from all over Lee County.

GREAT MEETING

President, Matt Ponizo started our meeting by giving a brief overview of Kiwanis International and our club. President-Elect Danielle Emery introduced the speakers.

Julie Workman, Heights Foundation Director, thanked us for our participation in their Christmas gift program. She also received healthy snacks for the after school program, we were excited to hear about the new Parent-Child Playgroup the Foundation is starting.

Catherine Doikos, President-Elect with the Junior League of Fort Myers, issued us a challenge; the League is sponsoring the 3rd grade class with the weekend backpack program at Heights Elementary School. Currently 96% of the children that attend this school are on free or reduced meals. She challenge us to take a grade and sponsor it, \$80 per student will feed them for the entire school year.

Diane Connell from the Children's Advocacy Center and our Community Out Reach co-chair reminded us of all the great things we have done then added our future plans to her list. Included were activity kits for the Heights Foundation summer program, Tales for Tots Governor Donnas' project, taking casseroles to the Ronald McDonald House, starting a K-Kids at Heights and I am sure we will find many more things to do this year.

We were blessed to have Marissa, the treasurer of our Builder Club, tell us all the exciting things that have gone on in their club this year. The first project was a beach clean up which all whole participated in, on going are collecting tabs for the Ronald McDonald House plus Box Tops for the school. Even though December is a busy month, a canned Food Drive was accomplished with the food going to the local food pantry at Saint Columbkil & bell ringing for the Salvation Army. They are currently corresponding with a girl who has cancer and needs cheering up. I am sure next time we will hear greater things about the Builders Club.

Finally yet importantly, Danielle reminded us about the need for new members, the more members we have the more service we can do and the more we can help our community. We can change the world, one child at a time.

Matt Ponzio – President
Danielle Emery – President-Elect
David Stauffer – Vice President
Karen Sonnanstine – Treasurer
Terry Luster – Secretary
Kelly Sonnanstine – Past President

Diane Connell - Director
George Eddy – Director
Jack Liptak – Director
Viki Luster – Director
Valerie Petracco - Director

Donna Parton - Governor

Donna Williamson - Lt Governor