

Kiwanis

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"The test of thankfulness is not what you have to be thankful for, but whether anyone else has reason to be thankful you are here." Unknown

Upcoming Dates

April 21	Gabriel House – Edward Ravish
April 28	Calusa Nature Center – Sanders Lewallen
May 3	2nd Taste of Estero – Volunteer Opportunity with Estero Club
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 1	Board Meeting RBC Bank 1:30, all members are welcome
June 2	Community Cooperative Ministries – Sarah Owen
June 9	Girl Scouts of America Community Development – Megan Fasig

Definition of Dyslexia

The world federation of Neurology defines dyslexia as "a disorder manifested by difficulties in learning to read, despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence and socio cultural opportunity."

What causes it? Everyone's brain has a left side and a right side. The right side controls the creative and artistic skills. The left side controls logic and math skills. Many dyslexic people have a slightly larger right side of the brain, which makes them very creative, musical, sporty and good at problem solving.

What are the symptoms? Every person has different symptoms - there is a huge range - and this can make dyslexia difficult to define. It's usually diagnosed when a child's reading and writing development isn't keeping pace with their level of intelligence. What difficulties does dyslexia cause? Possible difficulties caused by dyslexia include:

- hesitant or slow reading and writing
- misreading, which makes understanding difficult
- putting letters and figures the wrong way round
- difficulty with sequences
- poor organization or time management
- erratic spelling
- poor memory and concentration
- difficulty organizing thoughts clearly
- poor self-image

Some people are more dyslexic than others. Many people find it hard to read quickly and hard to make sense of what they've read. It's not possible to prevent dyslexia but early recognition can help. With proper diagnosis and tailored educational methods, people with dyslexia can achieve their full academic potential and go on to enjoy very successful careers

“Delicious Dining Discounts”

Kickoff day was great! If you do not have books or have **sold** all of yours, please contact Viki or Terry to get books. In addition to flyers in businesses selling books, we need member help to get a public / community flyer distributed where you live and any place where you can think to post a flyer. This flyer has Viki & Terry's phone number (415-3100) on it, so that anybody may call to find the closest business member location to pick up a book. [We need all members to help on this major fund-raiser for the year.](#)

Welcome New Members

Greet and get to know your new members:

Jeff Young, owner of Rita's Ice-Custard Happiness and **Tom Richards**, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

Kelly Sonnanstine – President
Matt Ponzio – President-Elect
Danielle Emery – Vice President
Valerie Petracco – Treasurer
Terry Luster – Secretary

George Eddy – Director
Chris Heidrick – Director
Mike Huisman – Director
Jack Liptak – Director
Viki Luster – Director