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"Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things, a chance word, a tap on the shoulder...I am tempted to think there are no little things." Bruce Barton

Upcoming Dates

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| May 3 | 2nd Taste of Estero – <u>Volunteer Opportunity</u> 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 – <u>Volunteer Opportunity</u> with United Way
Call Kim Bergs at United Way land line 211 cell 433-3900 |
| May 12 | Lee County Bar Association President – Keith Grossman |
| May 17 | Brightest Horizons Child Development Center - Golf Outing |
| 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 |

Support & Caring

Ziggy Zagoren's Mom passed away on Sunday April 26 please keep him in your prayers. Ziggy's address is 11110 Caravel Cir. FM 33908. Jeff Young's brother-in-law passed away suddenly last week also. Please keep his wife Genevieve and Jeff in your prayers, his address is 16655 Lake Cir. # 812 FM 33908.

Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium

The Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium is a private, not for profit, environmental education organization located in Fort Myers, Florida. The 105-acre site has a museum, three nature trails, a Planetarium, butterfly and bird aviaries, a gift shop and meeting and picnic areas.

Strolling through the Museum, visitors can learn about Southwest Florida's natural history. Daily educational programs allow visitors an up close and personal view of some of our resident creatures, including a skunk, bobcat, raccoon, white tail deer, Butterfly Aviary and Native Plant Nursery and an Audubon Aviary which houses permanently injured birds of prey (hawks, vultures, bald eagles, owls and more!). Various amphibians and arthropods are also waiting for you. The Museum's interpretive displays address many issues effecting our area, from water resources to the plight of the endangered manatee. The stars are always out in our Planetarium, the only one south of Bradenton and west of the Miami! Check the Planetarium pages for astronomical happenings and other special events.

The Museum, Planetarium and large portions of our nature trails are accessible to people with disabilities.

The Center is located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue at the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and Six Mile Cypress in Fort Myers, one minute from I-75 at Exit 136. Additional information is available by calling 275-3435. Admission to the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children (ages 3-12). This one-price admission includes the Museum, Butterfly Aviary, Trails, and all Planetarium shows scheduled that day. We welcome new volunteers; please call 275-3435 to schedule an orientation. Go to the website to see all that is available www.clausanature.com

“Delicious Dining Discounts”

We are off to a great start but still need to sell, sell, sell. Total as of 4-28 is 145 sold, only 855 to go. Don't forget to mention Mothers' Day, the way to a man's heart may be the kitchen but the way to a woman's heart is the restaurant. Buy 2 they are good until December. Most restaurants will accept 2 coupons per table or more.

Brightest Horizons Golf Outing

Mark your calendars for the May 17 outing at Beach View Golf Club on Sanibel for golf & a lunch buffet. It is an 18 hole scramble - shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Ask member Tina for more details.

MOPS...at Peace Lutheran Church !

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, a program designed to nurture mothers with children from infancy through kindergarten. The women are of many ages and backgrounds, but share the same desire - to be the best mothers they can be. They participate in Bible studies, listen to special presenters, do art and crafts, and enjoy fellowship and refreshments, while their children play and learn about Jesus in the Moppets program. Peace Lutheran is hosting a group the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10-11:30am. Call Connie 437-2599.

Welcome New Members

Greet and get to know our 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
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