

Kiwanis

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"I believe that one of the most important things to learn in life is that you can make a difference in your community no matter who you are or where you live. I have seen so many good deeds-people helped, lives improved-because someone cared." Rosalynn Carter

Upcoming Dates

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| April 11 | Interclub at LaBelle- Easter Egg Hunt at Thrift Store, 155 S Bridge St. |
| April 14 | <u>Delicious Dining Discounts kick off</u>
<u>ALL members need to be at this important meeting</u> |
| 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 – Sarah Owen |
| June 9 | Girl Scouts of America Community Development – Megan Fasig |

Children's Book Week

The Children's Choice Book Awards program was created to provide young readers with an opportunity to voice their opinions about the books being written for them and to help develop a reading list that will motivate children and teens to read. Children and teens will be able to cast their vote for their favorite books, author, and illustrator at bookstores, school libraries, and at <http://www.bookweekonline.com> until Sunday, May 3, 2009. Close to 15,000 children and teens from around the US spent months reading and evaluating books submitted by publishers. The five favorite books published in 2008 in each of these categories are open for a nation-wide vote in March and April 2009 in each of four grade categories: K-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, and Teen as well as Favorite Author, and Favorite Illustrator. The winner in each category will be named at a gala during Children's Book Week on May 12th, 2009 in New York City as part of Children's Book Week (May 11-17, 2009), the oldest national literacy event in the United States.

We learned about Baby-Parent Rhyme Time, German Story time, Story time in English and Spanish. We got a teaser from the book *The Ink Drinker*. For more great programs in your area, check out the library website at www3.leegov.com/library.

2nd Annual Taste of Estero

Service opportunity Sunday May 3rd 7am to 7pm www.tasteofestero.com for more details. They need volunteers all day various shifts and times. Proceeds will benefit children in the community.

"Delicious Dining Discounts"

Plan to attend the April 14th meeting, as that will be kickoff day for members to get books to sell for our major fundraiser. There are **34** restaurants in the book. We will need your help to make this a success. Selling point **all** monies will go back into our local community to help the children. [Display sign holders are available if you have a place to sell the books, please let Terry or Viki know if you need one and can sell books at your location. We need all members to help on this major fund-raiser for the year.](#)

New Builders Club

The "ground work has started" for this new club at Lexington Middle School after a presentation on April 1st to the entire staff at the school. A potential school advisor has already stepped forward.

Member up Date

Todd Smith has 2 more weeks of radiation therapy to go then some chemo. Terry Luster said he sounded up-beat, please keep Todd in your prayers.

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