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“Treat everyone you meet the way you want to be treated.”

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

**Sunshine Seafood Café
8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers**

Cost: \$11.00 (includes tax and tip)

**As a courtesy to our host, please RSVP promptly
– thank you!**

Meeting Calendar

May 18	To Be Determined
May 25	Abdul' Haq Muhammed - Quality Life Center of SWFL
June 1	Board Meeting - ALL members welcome!
June 8	Anne Marie Gimmer - Big Brothers Big Sisters
June 15	Animal Refuge Center
June 22	Mayer Berg- Riverland Nursery & Landscaping

GTTI's Biggest Fundraiser Now Underway!

Delicious Dining Discount books are now available for purchase. This year's edition contains “buy one get one” offers from 47 Lee County restaurants. At only \$20 per book, it's a great value. Last year, we raised over \$7,000 - help us raise even more this year! For more

information, or to purchase books, contact Viki Luster at:
vluster@nvtlsi.com

Service Opportunities

Sunday May 16 - Volunteer at **Taste of Fort Myers Beach** Contact: Viki Luster at vluster@nvtlsi.com.

Hats and Hugs – We received 45 baseball caps, courtesy of Oriental Trading Company and Miracle Baseball, to donate to pediatric cancer patients at The Children’s Hospital. We are seeking donations of an additional **55 NEW baseball caps** to reach our goal of 100. Contact Diane Connell at dconnell@cac-swfl.org if you can help! In addition, we continue to collect **NEW stuffed animals** for Children’s Advocacy Center.

Builder’s Club - The Lexington Middle School Builder’s Club will be visiting **Animal Refuge Center** on June 2. Please help them by bringing in old towels, sheets, blankets, paper towels, and any used pet items in good condition.

The Heights Foundation - We are collecting **healthy snacks** for the children attending The Heights Foundation’s summer camp. Suggested items include:

Shelf stable milk	Raisins
Goldfish	Pretzel sticks
Cereals such as Cheerios	Granola
Dried fruit	Veggie sticks and dip
Fresh fruit	Yogurt
String cheese	

In addition, The Heights Foundation has invited GTTI members to attend its **Mom and Tots Play Group** on any of the following dates to volunteer and learn more about what this organization is doing: May 19, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, or August 4. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Diane Connell at: dconnell@cac-swfl.org.

Please bring all donated items to a Club meeting. Thanks!

May 11 Meeting Highlights

Our scheduled speaker was unable to attend due to illness, so Matt presented members with an update on the May 4th Board meeting and Club activities.

- The Board approved a \$250 stipend for our Builder's Club advisors. The stipend will be presented to Katharine Bruns and Steve Wagner at a future meeting.
- Lt. Governor Donna Williamson resigned effective May 10. Kathy Woolston will fill in until a replacement is named.
- Members approved the following slate of officers and directors for 2010-2011:

President : Danielle Emery
President Elect: David Stauffer
Vice President: Richard Tanner
Secretary: Kelly Sonnanstine
Treasurer: Karen Sonnanstine
Past President: Matt Ponzio

Directors:
Diane Connell
Gary Hudson
Valerie Petracco
Tom Richards
Adam Schweikert

- We have 9 more Inter-Club meetings to attend by September 2010 to meet our Round Robin requirement. For more information about Inter-Club meetings, please contact Gary Hudson at: gkhudson@earthlink.net.

- Committee Chair Appointments:

Diane Connell – Newsletter and Public Relations
Tom Richards – K Kids Club – Heights Elementary
Dave Stauffer – Chief Brainstormer – Community Projects

- Upcoming Service Projects

The Junior League of Fort Myers Backpack Program for Harlem Heights Elementary.

Activity kits for The Heights Foundation summer camp.

Kiwanis Gateway to the Islands 2009-2010 Board of Directors

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Vice President:	David Stauffer	George Eddy
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and one community at a time.*