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“Help others get ahead. You will always stand taller with someone else on your shoulders.” - Bob Moawad

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 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	Carlos Navedo - Animal Refuge Center
June 22	Mayer Berg- Riverland Nursery & Landscaping
June 29	TBA
July 6	Board Meeting – ALL members welcome!
July 13	Carol Simontacchi - Lifestyle education
July 20	Chris Heidrick - Heidrick & Co.- Chris Heidrick
July 27	Rev. Rebecca G. Hines - Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida, Inc.

A Note From Your Substitute Program Chair, Viki Luster

I am finishing the year for our speakers. If any of you would like to speak, please let me know. You can choose the topic - yourself, your business, your passion, or your travels. Alternatively, if you have someone or something you would like to know more about, please send the information to viki_luster@yahoo.com and I will look into getting a speaker. Thanks - any help I can get will be greatly appreciated.

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

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 - 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. In addition, we are planning a **Putt-Putt tournament** with the Club.

The Heights Foundation - We are collecting **healthy snacks** for 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** to volunteer and learn more about this organization. If interested, please contact Diane Connell at: dconnell@cac-swfl.org.

May 18 Meeting Highlights

- Due to unforeseen issues regarding the continuation of the Backpack Program at Heights Elementary, this week's presentation was postponed. Fortunately, incoming Lt. Governor Bruce Boyd was in attendance and spoke to members about his plans for our Division. Bruce has chosen to focus on promoting service opportunities among clubs and using them as a way to recruit new members. Specifically, he pointed to the Young Children Priority One Campaign as a great way to support the mission of Kiwanis and entice potential members to join us and see what Kiwanis is all about.
- Danielle Emery and Dave Stauffer are currently working with the Junior League and Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI) respectively, to determine how our Club can participate in the effort to feed the students of Heights Elementary through the Backpack Program. Stay tuned for more information about this vital program.
- Members welcomed Terry Luster back after a long trip up north to care for his mother. Many Happy Dollars were given in response to Terry's return and his mother's continued recovery. Welcome back Terry!
- Kiwanis Magazine is asking for stories and ads from clubs. As a founding member, Terry graciously agreed to submit an article about GTTI.
- Our club had an interclub meeting with the Ft. Myers Beach Kiwanis Club on Friday, May 14. Danielle Emery, Viki and Terry Luster, Dave Stauffer and Matt Ponzio represented GTTI.
- Lt. Governor Donna Williamson agreed to stay on and complete her term as of May 13.
- Upcoming Service Projects: Activity kits for The Heights Foundation summer camp.

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and one community at a time.*