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“Never let things that matter most suffer from the things that matter least.”
- Goethe

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

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 have received enough hats to complete our project thanks to the generous support of Oriental Trading Company, Miracle Baseball, and the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Hats will be donated to pediatric cancer patients and infants in the NICU at The Children's Hospital. 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 (date pending). 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:

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 25 Meeting Highlights

Guest speaker: Abdul' Haq Muhammed, Executive Director, Quality Life Center of SW Florida

Since 1992, Quality Life Center has provided educational tutoring and mentoring services to children. Through a holistic approach, they strive to help children and their families manage life's challenges and gain a better quality of life.

The organization's mission is to strengthen families and the community through programs and institutions that cultivate self-development, self-discipline, build confidence and self-esteem, and promote cultural appreciation.

Quality Life Center operates from the premise that if a child receives love, develops a healthy respect for the Creator, and has a positive self-image, that child will be prepared to meet life's challenges. When that child is taught values that can carry him or her through life's trials, and is exposed to positive role models, he or she can develop a winning spirit and a positive attitude. In turn, these children will attain a better quality of Life. The values instilled include:

- **Honesty**
- **Integrity**
- **Discipline**
- **Responsibility**
- **Self-Esteem**
- **Faith**
- **Hope**
- **Cultural Appreciation**
- **Strong Family Values**
- **A Holistic Approach to Health**
- **The Pursuit of Excellence**

For more information about Quality Life Center call them at (239) 334-2797, or visit their website at www.qualitylifecenter.org.

- **The registration fee for the Kiwanis Convention is \$300.00, payable on-site, as of May 25th.**
- **Our club had an interclub meeting with the Riverdale Club on May 24.**
- **Upcoming Service Projects: Activity kits for The Heights Foundation summer camp.**

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