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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead

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 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.

Mark your calendars - District Convention August 26-29, Orlando

***Visit FloridaKiwanis.com for more information and to register
Hotel reservation deadline - July 26th
Convention registration deadline - August 1st***

Please let Danielle Emery know if you are interested in attending.

All club members are welcome!

Service Opportunities

Hats and Hugs – We continue to collect **NEW stuffed animals** for Children's Advocacy Center.

Tales for Tots – We are still collecting books for ages 0-2 for Brightest Horizons.

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.

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, contact Viki Luster at: vluster@nvtlsi.com. To find out where to purchase books, visit our club website: www.kiwanisgtti.com.

June 1 Board Meeting Highlights

- The Heights Foundation Summer Camp - Board approved spending \$100 on items for activity kits for the campers to use in making crafts.
- Backpack Program for Heights Elementary – The Junior League of Fort Myers is no longer involved in the program and CCMI's involvement is uncertain. Heights Elementary may no longer be a Title I school and therefore no longer an appropriate site. There was discussion about working directly with Costco. However, no final decision was made pending further investigation.
- The Dining Books are selling well. If all books are sold, the Club would gross approximately \$9,000.
- An inter-club meeting with LaBelle may be scheduled in June.
- Vice President-Elect Richard Tanner will assume responsibility for scheduling program speakers in October. Until then, Viki Luster has graciously agreed to fill in.
- Current advisor and Club member, Steve Wagner, will not be teaching at Lexington Middle next year. Our Club will honor both advisors at the school's last faculty meeting of the year on June 11th.
- Thank you Terry Luster for writing an article for Stars & Stories and submitting it to the Caring Corner for the District Convention!
- President-elect Dave Stauffer has agreed to lead a community analysis process to identify service projects for next year. The analysis will take place at three Club meetings in August.
- Board agreed to move the meeting location to Faith United Methodist Church beginning September 7th.

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