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## Gateway to the Islands



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*“A dream becomes a goal when action is taken toward its achievement.”*  
– Bo Bennett

### 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 22	Mayer Berg- Riverland Nursery & Landscaping
June 29	Danielle Emery – Report on International Convention
July 6	Board Meeting – ALL members welcome!
July 13	Carol Simontacchi - Lifestyle education
July 20	Chris Heidrick - Heidrick & Co.
July 27	Rev. Rebecca G. Hines - Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida, Inc.

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

**Visit [FloridaKiwaniis.com](http://FloridaKiwaniis.com) for more information and to register**  
**Hotel reservation deadline - July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Convention registration deadline - August 1st**

**Please let Danielle Emery by July 6 if you plan to attend.**

**All club members are welcome!**

## GTTI's Biggest Fundraiser Continues!

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](mailto:vluster@nvtlsi.com). To find out where to purchase books, visit our club website: [www.kiwanisgtti.com](http://www.kiwanisgtti.com).

### Service Opportunities

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

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

**The Heights Foundation** – The Heights Foundation has invited GTTI members to attend its **Mom and Tots Play Group** on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 am at the United Way. If interested, please contact Diane Connell at: [dconnell@cac-swfl.org](mailto:dconnell@cac-swfl.org).

### June 15 Meeting Highlights

- Danielle Emery presented a check for \$200 on behalf of the club to Julie Workman of The Heights Foundation. Funds will be used to purchase healthy snacks and materials for activity kits for the agency's summer camp.
- An inter-club meeting with LaBelle has been rescheduled for June 29th.
- The Installation Banquet will be held on either September 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. The location is to be determined.
- Club members approved a \$180 donation to Faith United Methodist Church to fund camp scholarships and a \$150 donation to Peace Lutheran Church to be used for their summer camp.
- The Builder's Club presented their advisors with stipends to thank them for their service.

**Guest Speaker: Carlos Navedo, Development Director, Animal Refuge Center**

Since 1988, Animal Refuge Center (ARC) has operated as Southwest Florida’s only no-kill shelter. The agency operates a “cageless” environment on a 22 ½ -acre sanctuary in North Fort Myers. Currently home to 400 cats and 100 dogs, the Center houses the animals in 36 dog lodges and 16 feline houses. They also maintain a clinic and operating room on-site.

ARC’s mission is to care for all homeless animals in its possession. In addition to operating the shelter, they provide medical care, screen and match animals for adoption, and educate the community about homeless animals through its outreach programs.

Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs and \$65 for cats. Prior to adoption, all animals undergo a behavioral assessment, and are spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, and vaccinated.

ARC’s \$800,000 budget is dependent on fundraisers and individual donors as well as funding from the state’s “Animal Friend” special license plate program. In addition to financial contributions, ARC can use volunteers and supplies such as food, litter, collars, toys, etc.. To find out more, visit their website at [www.animalrefuge.com](http://www.animalrefuge.com).

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