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## Gateway to the Islands



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*“The highest of distinctions is service to others.”*  
-King George VI

### **NEW MEETING LOCATION!**

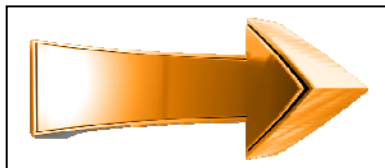
**Sunshine Seafood Café**  
**8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers**

**Cost: \$11.00 (includes tax and tip)**

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

### **Meeting Calendar**

August 3	Board Meeting – ALL members welcome!
August 10	Kevin Cummings - Teen Challenge SW Florida
August 17	Brainstorming for the New Kiwanis Year
August 24	Brainstorming for the New Kiwanis Year
August 31	Vicki Stephan - Junior Achievement



**Annual Banquet**  
**Thursday, September 23, 2010**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Sunshine Seafood Café**

## We Want To Hear From You!!

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands strives to deliver a meaningful experience to all members. Your feedback is critical to making our club the best it can be. The Club Excellence Tool is an online self-evaluation survey designed to monitor the health of our club. Based on your responses, the program offers recommended improvements and resources to help us make those changes. Please go to [www.KiwanisOne.org/clubexcellencetoolonline](http://www.KiwanisOne.org/clubexcellencetoolonline) and enter this ID to begin the survey: SV4849270. All responses are anonymous. If you have not already taken the survey, please do so. It only takes a few minutes to complete. Thank you!

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

***The Board voted to use Club funds to pay the registration fee for ANY club member interested in going!!***

***Visit [FloridaKiwanis.com](http://FloridaKiwanis.com) for more information and to register.  
Hotel reservation deadline has been extended to August 2nd  
Convention registration deadline - August 1st***

***Please submit a copy of your conference registration to Karen Sonnanstine at [ksonnans@msn.com](mailto:ksonnans@msn.com) for reimbursement.***

## 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. As of July 6<sup>th</sup>, we have raised \$4,617! 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).

**The Junior League** needs volunteers for **Taste of the Town** on 11/7/10 in Centennial Park. Please contact Danielle Emery if you are interested at [danielle.m.emery@ampf.com](mailto:danielle.m.emery@ampf.com).

**Candlelighters** is seeking sponsors for its annual golf tournament, **Tee Up “Fore” The Kids**, on 9/25/10. Contact Viki Luster for more info at [vluster@nvtlsi.com](mailto:vluster@nvtlsi.com).

### July 27 Meeting Highlights

- **IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING MEETING LOCATION – Beginning September 7, meetings will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd. The meetings will be brown-bag.**
- **Club members welcomed our speaker, Rev. Rebecca Hines, and Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor, Kathy Woolston.**
- **Interclubs have been scheduled for July 29 (Harney Point), August 3 (North Fort Myers), and August 10 (Sanibel/Captiva). We are looking for a minimum of 4 members to attend the Greater Pine Island meeting at 7:30am on August 27. If you can attend, please contact Gary Hudson at [gkhudson@earthlink.net](mailto:gkhudson@earthlink.net).**

- **Click on the link below to learn more about Kiwanis International's Project Eliminate.**



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- **Missed a Kiwanis International training webinar? Not to worry! They are archived on the Kiwanis One website. Just click on the following link: <http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=381>**

### **Guest Speaker: Rev. Rebecca Hines – Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

Rev. Rebecca Hines, founder of Destiny Ministries, started Destiny Diaper Bank in 2007 as a result of her desire to help single moms. Rebecca and her husband used their own funds to purchase diapers and distribute them. As word got out, Rebecca discovered others were in need of diapers since Medicaid, Medicare and WIC do not cover the cost. Today, Destiny Diaper Bank offers diapers and supplemental items such as formula, baby wipes, incontinent supplies, and medical equipment to parents and caregivers of infants, toddlers, special needs children, disabled youth, and the elderly. It is the only diaper bank in the state and one of the top ten in the country. Because of this distinction, Destiny Diaper Bank was selected to receive 2 million diapers through Huggies' nationwide effort, "Every Little Bottom", to help get diapers to babies in need.

The ministry relies on individual and corporate financial contributions, product donations, and diaper drives to meet the demand. Items can be dropped off at collection sites in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Bonita Springs, Lehigh Acres, North Fort Myers, and LaBelle, as well as at the Destiny Ministries Center located at 1510 46<sup>th</sup> Lane in Cape Coral. Diapers are distributed directly to clients and to select non-profit agencies serving the target population. Eligibility criteria include:

- Photo ID with a local address
- Income verification, such as WIC or Medicaid
- Verification of parental/caregiver relationship to client

Currently, the agency is in need of toddler diapers in sizes 3, 4 and 5, pull-ups, and adult diapers. To learn more, call Rebecca at 239-549-2130, or visit [www.destinydiaperbank.com](http://www.destinydiaperbank.com).

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