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*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better. It's not."
— Dr. Seuss (The Lorax)*

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Sunshine Seafood Café
8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers

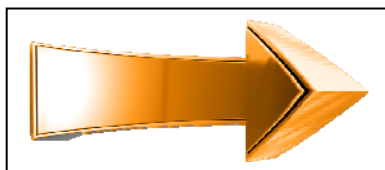
Cost: \$11.00 (includes tax and tip)

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

Meeting Calendar

August 17	Brainstorming for the New Kiwanis Year
August 24	Brainstorming for the New Kiwanis Year
August 31	Vicki Stephan - Junior Achievement

Please bring school supplies for Lexington Middle School to any August meeting.



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

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 for more information and to register.
Convention's late registration fee has been WAIVED!!**

Please submit a copy of your conference registration to Karen Sonnanstine at ksonnans@msn.com for reimbursement.

All club members are welcome to attend!

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 6th, we have raised \$4,617! For more information, contact Viki Luster at: vluster@nvtlsi.com. To find out where to purchase books, visit our club website: www.kiwanisgtti.com.

Corporate Members - by Terry Luster

With annual invoices out, or in the process of being distributed, now may be the time to decide if your membership might better be suited in your business name, rather than your individual name. With a corporate membership, you would represent that business in every aspect the same way that you do now as an individual. Please direct any questions to me concerning this new membership concept from Kiwanis International and/or want to make a change.

Coming Soon....

FEEDING THE 5000 Thanksgiving Outreach

www.feedingthe5000.net

Contact Kelly Sonnanstine at ksonnans@hotmail.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. (NOTE: Children’s books are on sale at Target for \$1 each!)

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.

Builder’s Club is seeking volunteers to help at the **Lexington Middle School Open House**, Saturday, August 21 from 9:30am – 12pm. Contact Viki Luster for more info at vluster@nvtlsi.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.

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.

The **Fort Myers Beach Chamber** is looking for volunteers for the **Sandsculpting Contest** to be held the second weekend in November. Contact Terry Luster at tluster@nvtlsi.com.

August 10 Meeting Highlights

- **Club members welcomed our speaker, Kevin Cummings, and guests Lt. Governor Donna Williamson, and Kat Williams.**

- **IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING MEETING LOCATION – Beginning September 7, meetings will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd. Gary Hudson is researching our lunch options.**
- **Our continued thoughts and prayers are with Richard Tanner and his family. Richard’s mom, Mary, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Please keep Tom Richards in your prayers as well as he searches for a new job.**
- **REMINDER: Committee Reports are due on the 10th of the month.**
- **There will be **NO** meeting on Tuesday, September 21 because our annual banquet will be held Thursday, September 23.**
- **If anyone has any Dining Book money or checks, please bring them to a meeting, or contact Karen Sonnanstine (ksonnans@msn.com) or Viki Luster (vluster@nvtlsi.com) to arrange a pick-up.**
- **Interclubs have been scheduled for August 27 at 7:30 am (Greater Pine Island) and September 21 at 11:45 am (Metro Club). To attend, please contact Gary Hudson at gkhudson@earthlink.net.**

- **Upcoming training webinars from Kiwanis International:**

Aug. 17	8 p.m.	Effective Division Council meetings
Aug. 18	3 p.m.	Quarterly Membership Campaign
Aug. 24	8 p.m.	Light the fire of enthusiasm
Aug. 25	3 p.m.	Roadmap to KiwanisOne
Aug. 31	8 p.m.	Making the most of your club visits

Missed a training webinar? Don't worry! Just click on the following link:
<http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=381>

- **Lt. Governor Donna Williamson presented Kelly Sonnanstine with an Operation Jump Start patch.**



- **The Harney Point Kiwanis Club invites all area clubs to host a table at their Fall Kids Festival on Saturday, October 30. Visit: <http://www.fallkidsfestival.com/>**
- **Dave Stauffer asked members to review our past projects (see attachment sent with this newsletter), recommend which ones to continue, and suggest new projects.**

Guest Speaker: Kevin Cummings – Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge is a faith-based residential program for adults and teens facing drug and alcohol addictions. They believe that as a person acknowledges their need for help, and takes responsibility for their part in the process, God can help them to become socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually well. 86% of program graduates are still sober 7 years after completing the program, as compared to a 10-13% success rate for secular-based programs.

This international program was brought to Pine Manor in 1994 and consisted of one 6-bed home for men. Today, Teen Challenge owns 14 homes for men and women, and is nearing the completion of a transitional home for program graduates. Residents follow a daily schedule that includes chores, Christian studies, life skills, choir and drama practice, janitorial work, and quiet time. In addition to the residential program, Teen Challenge operates STAY SHARP, a teen drug prevention program which gives presentations to schools, youth groups, and the juvenile detention center. Kevin invited club members to attend one of their quarterly lunches to experience Teen Challenge first-hand. For more information, visit www.teenchallenge.cc.

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