

# Kiwanis

## NEWSLETTER

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*"To make a difference is no a matter of accident, a matter of casual occurrence, of the tides. People choose to make a difference." Maya Angelou*

### Upcoming Dates

### School Drive for August- Bring your School Supplies !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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| Aug 18    | Pam Teeter – Lee County Emergency Management  |
| Aug 22    | <u>Builders Club Open House – Lexington Middle School 9-12</u>  |
| Aug 22    | <b>Volunteer Opportunity in our own back yard</b>   |
|           | <b>Back to School Block Party – Faith United Methodist Church 11-2</b>  |
| Aug 25    | Deavon DiPrma – Crime Prevention  |
| Aug 27-30 | Florida District Convention in Orlando  |
| Sept 1    | Klair Snellbaker - Candlelighters of SW Florida   |
| Sept 29   | Annual Officer Installation Banquet, 6 p.m. at Crown Colony Golf & Country Club   |
| Oct 24    | 7th Annual Estero - Gulf Coast Golf Tournament  |
| Nov 26    | <b>Turkey Drive – Lamb of God Church - Save the date, involve your family and maybe your neighbors – Extreme Volunteer Opportunity to show others we really care.</b> |

### “Delicious Dining Discounts”

Still Selling?? The more funds we have, the more we can do.

# WHAT IS AVID?

## Advancement Via Individual Determination

AVID is a fourth- through twelfth-grade system to prepare students in the academic middle for four-year college readiness. These are largely low-income students who are capable of completing a college - prep curriculum but are falling short of their potential. The core component is the AVID elective, which supports students as they tackle the most rigorous classes. AVID's teaching strategies, curriculum, and trainings are used not only in the AVID elective class, but by subject-area teachers school wide.

AVID Center was named one of the nation's top 100 Charities for 2002 by *Worth* magazine, and has been featured on CBS 60 Minutes II and in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times* and hundreds of other newspapers. AVID Founder Mary Catherine Swanson was CNN and *Time* magazine's 2001 America's Best Teacher. She was also honored with the prestigious Charles A. Dana Foundation Award for Pioneering Achievement in Education and the McGraw Prize in Education. Swanson has received the Showcase of Excellence award from the National Council of States on advanced education.

Where is AVID? AVID is at work in over 4,000 schools in 45 states and 15 countries [Fall 2008]. Large urban schools, tiny rural schools, resource-rich suburban schools, struggling schools — they all find that AVID meets the needs of their students in the middle.

### New Fundraiser



Tyson is offering the "Support Your School" 1,2,3 program, save these labels for Lexington Middle School. **Each label is worth 24 cents.**

### Other Fundraisers

If you order magazines please get them from the **Florida Kiwanis Magazine Program**.

Go to <http://FLkiwanis.eFundraising.com> and type in our club name. 40% of your purchase will come back to the club. We are also still collecting small ink cartages, cell phones and box tops.

### New Member

Welcome, Ms August, Katharine Bruns. She is the second of our facility advisors for the new Builders Club at Lexington Middle School. The best way to get to know her is to attend the Builders Club meeting to support our advisors and the kids. More info about Builders Club will be coming soon.

Kelly Sonnanstine – President  
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Danielle Emery – Vice President  
Valerie Petracco – Treasurer  
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