



# Kiwaniis

## Gateway to the Islands



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*"The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this:  
Decide what you want." - Ben Stein*

### NEW MEETING LOCATION!

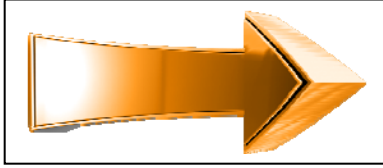
Sunshine Seafood Café  
8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers

Cost: \$11.00 (includes tax and tip)

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

### Meeting Calendar

August 24	Brainstorming for the New Kiwanis Year
August 31	Vicki Stephan - Junior Achievement
September 7	Board Meeting – ALL are welcome!
September 10	Committee reports due
September 14	Danielle, Kelly & Terry – New year objectives and Committee report - online training
September 21	NO meeting – Interclub with Metro-McGregor at the University Grill 11:30 am
September 23	Installation banquet 6pm
September 28	Danielle, Kelly & Terry – New year objectives and Committee report - online training



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

**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).**

**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](http://www.feedingthe5000.net)***

***Contact Kelly Sonnanstine at [ksonnans@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dconnell@cac-swfl.org).

**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).

**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).

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](mailto:tluster@nvtlsi.com).

### August 17 Meeting Highlights

- **Club members welcomed Denny Sharma from the Fort Myers club. He sold 6 dining books for us and brought new Atlas information to us.**
- **Katharine Bruns our Builders Club advisor surprised us with a visit. She provided us with valuable input as we planned for the new Kiwanis year.**
- **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.
- If anyone has any Dining Book money or checks, please bring them to a meeting, or contact Karen Sonnanstine ([ksonnans@msn.com](mailto:ksonnans@msn.com)) or Viki Luster ([vluster@nvtlsi.com](mailto:vluster@nvtlsi.com)) to arrange a pick-up.
- Upcoming training webinars from Kiwanis International:

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>

- The response so far to the school supply drive for Lexington Middle has been great. Katharine told us one BIG need at the school besides the supplies are belts. All kids must have their shirts tucked in and wear a belt. If you have any extra belts, please bring them to an upcoming meeting.
- Here is George Eddy's new home email address, as he no longer has a business email address: [g.eddy@earthlink.net](mailto:g.eddy@earthlink.net).

### Brainstorming for the New Kiwanis Year

Vice President David Stauffer led a discussion on ideas for the coming 2010-2011 Kiwanis year. His presentation of "Dollars In" and "Dollars Out" exemplified the direction we need to follow.

The "Dollar In" (or fundraising) projects mentioned were:

Dining Books	Concert Dinner with Auction
See's Candies	Casino Night
Kiwanis Night @ the Races	Silent Auction
Peanuts	Spaghetti Dinner
Coloring Books	Car Wash

The "Dollars Out" projects, both "Hands On" and "Money Only", included the following ideas:

Feeding the 5000  
Trunk or Treat  
Hugs - Teddy Bears  
School Supplies  
ConKerr Cancer - Pillow Cases  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
Ronald McDonald House  
Builders Club - Middle School  
Circle K International (CKI) – College  
K-Kids - Elementary School  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Boys & Girls Clubs  
Heights Foundation  
Brightest Horizons  
Teen Challenge  
Summer Camp Programs  
Harlem Heights Christmas Project

Children's Hospital  
Joint Projects with Other Clubs  
Food Back Pack Program  
Church Directory  
Joint Projects with Builders Club  
(Coastal cleanup)  
Every Child A Swimmer  
Atlas Program  
Pet Food Drive (Animal Rescue Center)  
Toy Drive  
Read Around World-Imagination  
Library  
Young Children Priority One (YCPO)  
Taste of the Town (Fort Myers)  
Kiwanis International "Eliminate"

Other ideas that evolved were developing a "Signature" high visibility project and following the advice of current International President that "Successful clubs need active on the scene service projects that make a difference."

Please plan to join us next week to develop plans for the coming year.

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