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Gateway to the Islands



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“Men achieve a certain greatness unawares, when working to another aim.”
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

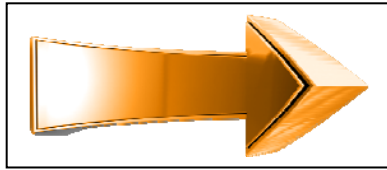
Sunshine Seafood Café
8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers

Cost: \$11.00 (includes tax and tip)

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

Meeting Calendar

August 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 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.

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 24 Meeting Highlights

- **Club members welcomed John Benson from Senior Friendship Centers.**
- **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) or Viki Luster (vluster@nvtlsi.com) to arrange a pick-up.
- Upcoming training webinars from Kiwanis International:
 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.
- Brightest Horizons is also in need of school supplies. See the attachment sent with this newsletter for a specific list.
- 42 students signed up to learn more about the Builder's Club at Lexington Middle's open house on August 21!!
- Here is George Eddy's new home email address, as he no longer has a business email address: g.eddy@earthlink.net.

Brainstorming for the New Kiwanis Year

Vice President David Stauffer led members through a selection process to identify those projects the Club does, and does not, want to pursue next year.

Fundraising:

Club members present expressed a definite interest in the following projects:

- Dining Books
- Silent Auction (as a part of the Installation Banquet)

In addition, members would like to further research the following ideas:

- See's Candies
- Kiwanis Night @ the Races
- Mini-golf Tournament

- Concert Dinner with Auction

The remaining ideas (peanuts, coloring books, casino night, spaghetti dinner, and car wash) were tabled.

Service Opportunities:

The following opportunities were highly recommended for the upcoming year:

- Feeding the 5000
- Trunk or Treat
- Ronald McDonald House
- Builders Club - Middle School
- Circle K International (CKI) – College
- Taste of the Town (Fort Myers)
- Kiwanis International "Project Eliminate"

Ideas that were tabled were:

- ConKerr Cancer - Pillow Cases
- K-Kids - Elementary School
- Church Directory
- Atlas Program

Projects still pending a decision include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugs - Teddy Bears • School Supplies • Salvation Army Bell Ringing • Big Brothers Big Sisters • Boys & Girls Clubs • Brightest Horizons • Teen Challenge • Summer Camp Programs • Harlem Heights Christmas Project • Children's Hospital • Joint Projects with Other Clubs • Food Back Pack Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Projects with Builders Club (Coastal cleanup) • Every Child A Swimmer • Pet Food Drive (Animal Rescue Center) • Toy Drive • Read Around World-Imagination Library • Young Children Priority One (YCPO) |
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It was acknowledged that some of the above projects are duplicative or could be combined with others. This information will be brought to the September Board meeting for a vote.

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