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Gateway to the Islands



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“There is no instinct like that of the heart.”
-Lord Byron

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

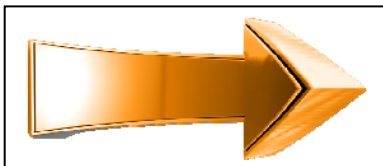
Sunshine Seafood Café
8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers

Cost: \$11.00 (includes tax and tip)

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

Meeting Calendar

August 10	Kevin Cummings - Teen Challenge SW Florida/Brainstorming
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

HURRY! Saturday, August 7 – Last Day to Complete Club Excellence Tool!

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 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 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.

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 3 Board Meeting Highlights

- **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 thoughts go out to Richard Tanner and his family. Richard's mom, Mary, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Ever the team player, Viki Luster has offered to take over programs for Richard until November. Thanks Viki!
- There will be **NO** meeting on Tuesday, September 21 because our annual banquet will be held Thursday, September 23.
- Terry Luster said membership invoices will be coming out soon. The membership fee will remain the same as last year. Terry is also in the process of recruiting corporate sponsors for our club.
- Gary Hudson suggested that we schedule an upcoming meeting to review the results of the Club Excellence Tool.
- The Board approved a \$200 donation to the Caring Corner at the District Convention.
- Terry suggested the Club consider making a monetary donation in support of Kiwanis International's Project Eliminate.
- Terry reminded everyone that our Club is a member of the Fort Myers Beach Chamber. Therefore, as Club members we can attend chamber events at the member rate. Just be sure to register ahead of time for the event and wear your Kiwanis name badge. To see a list of events, visit www.fortmyersbeach.org.
- 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 10 (Sanibel/Captiva) and August 27 at 7:30 am (Greater Pine Island). We still are in need of a few members to join us at the Pine Island meeting. If you can attend, please contact Gary Hudson at gkhudson@earthlink.net.
- Upcoming training webinars from Kiwanis International:

Aug. 5	8 p.m.	Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs 101
Aug. 10	8 p.m.	Online roster process
Aug. 11	3 p.m.	Online roster process
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

If you missed a training webinar – don't 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>

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