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"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children." [Charles R. Swindoll](#)

Upcoming Dates

WE ARE MOVING TO WEDNESDAY FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. WE ARE STILL MEETING AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE.

Sept 9	TBA
Sept 16	Trish Fancher/Rudy Busch - Keep Lee County Beautiful
Sept 23	Linda Carter - No person Left Behind
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 5	Children's Advocacy Center of SWFL Grand Opening Celebration 5-7 pm
Nov 26	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.

H1N1: The Lee Heath Department is calling all service organizations to help with the vaccination campaign. If you are interested go to: Charles_Walther@doh.state.fl.us

Candlelighters of Southwest Florida

Candlelighters of Southwest Florida was established in 1983 to assist Families of Children with Cancer and other Childhood Blood Disorders. Today Candlelighters serve approximately 350 families in a five county area, providing support, education and advocacy to children with cancer and blood disorders as well as the professionals that care for them. The Candlelighters organization is a vital source of inspiration, emotional support, and assistance for families struggling with their child's diagnosis

Our Mission

To provide Support, Education and Assistance to Families of Children with Cancer, or Blood Disorders and the Professionals who Care for them

What is Candlelighters?

Candlelighters is an international network of groups of parents of children with cancer and/or blood disorders. Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, Inc. is a independent self-supporting nonprofit (501c3) charity affiliated with the international Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland. The purpose of the charity is to provide support, education and opportunities for families to meet, share and support one another. Candlelighters are committed to serving families throughout their journey. Services are available to newly diagnosed families, those in treatment, long term survivors, those suffering from long term effects of treatments, children undergoing bone marrow treatments and to bereaved families.

How is Candlelighters funded?

Candlelighters are dependent on the ongoing support of caring community citizens, businesses, civic organizations and foundations to provide vital services to families of children with cancer or blood disorders. We do not receive any government funding or any financial support from any of the national cancer health organizations.

Need more information?

Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, Inc. office at (239) 432-2223 or (800) 738-3588 to confirm meeting time and locations or check the website calendar of events at www.CandlelightersSWFL.org

Mark your calendar! Thursday, November 5th * 5-7pm

Join Children's Advocacy Center in celebrating the grand opening of our new offices in Fort Myers.

Details to follow! Thank you.

Diane E. Connell, Director of Development Children's Advocacy Center of SWFL, Inc.

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Dining Book Committee

Would you like to be on this committee? Do you have a favorite restaurant that you would like to include? Do you have new ideas? Would you be willing to serve? We will meet next Wednesday, September 9th for a few minutes after our luncheon meeting.

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