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Gateway to the Islands



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“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” - Mother Teresa

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

Faith United Methodist Church
15690 McGregor Blvd., Room 106
From McGregor Blvd, turn in right and go until you
have to turn left. Look for "Kiwaniis" sign.

Meeting Calendar

October 5	Board Meeting – All are welcome!
October 5	Committee reports due
October 12	Harris Segel – Florida Kiwanis Foundation
October 19	Dotty St. Amand - Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center
October 26	Gena Dengler - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation



Faith United's Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 31, 5:30-7:30 pm.
Contact Kelly Sonnanstine at
ksonnans@hotmail.com to donate money/candy.
If you plan to bring your car, please arrive by
5:15 pm.

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. For more information, contact Viki Luster at: vluster@nvtlsi.com. To find out where to purchase books, visit our club website: www.kiwanisqtti.com.

Corporate Members - by Terry Luster

With annual invoices out, 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.

Service Opportunities

Hats and Hugs – NEW stuffed animals for Children's Advocacy Center and **hats** for The Children's Hospital.

Tales for Tots – Children's books for ages 0-2 for Brightest Horizons.

The Heights Foundation – Mom and Tots Play Group, Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 am. If interested, please contact Diane Connell at: dconnell@cac-swfl.org.

The Junior League needs volunteers for **Taste of the Town** on 11/7/10. Please contact Danielle Emery by 10/1 if you are interested at danielle.m.emery@ampf.com.

The **Fort Myers Beach Chamber** seeks volunteers for the **Sandsculpting Contest** in November. Contact Terry Luster at tluster@nvtlsi.com.

Coming Soon....

FEEDING THE 5000 Thanksgiving Outreach

www.feedingthe5000.net

Contact Kelly Sonnanstine at ksonnans@hotmail.com

September 28, 2010 Meeting Highlights

- Club members welcomed guest, Susan Schmitt.
- Our continued thoughts and prayers are with Richard Tanner and his family. Richard's mom, Mary, has been diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Continued wishes for a speedy recovery to Matt Ponzio's daughter Olivia who returned to school this week!
- Congratulations to Kelly Sonnanstine for accepting a job with Southwest Florida Business College, and to former Club member, Tom Richards, for landing a job with Child Evangelism Fellowship!
- 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.
- Board members in attendance voted to remove Susan Halligan from the membership roster.
- We now have 19 new restaurants for next year's edition of the Dining Book!
- The Builders Club received school approval to host a "hat day" and "t-shirt" day at Lexington Middle to raise funds for upcoming service projects.
- The Heights Foundation is hosting its second Celebrity Waiter Dinner on Monday, October 4th at Roadhouse Café. Seatings are at 5:30 and 7:30. Tickets are \$04 and available online at <http://www.heightsfoundation.org>.
- Danielle reviewed the proposed Administrative and Service budgets which will be approved at the October Board meeting. The Atlas Project was mentioned as a possible service project for Heights Elementary 5th graders.
- Terry Luster continued his training on Kiwanis reports. Beginning October 1, committee chairs will be responsible for completing the monthly reports

required by Kiwanis International. Reports are filed online at www.FloridaKiwanis.com. Reports should be completed by the 5th of the month and prior to our Board meetings so members have the information they need in order to make decisions. Members can also view reports from other clubs on this same site.

The following members were assigned to submit committee reports:

- Diane Connell – PR and Newsletter
- Gary Hudson – Interclub
- Terry Luster – Membership
- Viki Luster – Builder’s Club
- Matt Ponzio – Finance and Fundraising
- Connie Schmucker – Human and Spiritual Values
- Dave Stauffer – YCPO and Community Service

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