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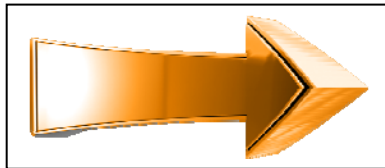
"The future depends on what we do in the present." – Mahatma Gandhi

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

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
\$25.00/person
RSVP by 9/20/10 to Gary Hudson**

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.

Candlelighters needs 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. Please contact Danielle Emery 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 7, 2010 Board Meeting Highlights

- Our continued thoughts and prayers are with Richard Tanner and his family. Richard's mom, Mary, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. We also wish a speedy recovery to Matt Ponzio's daughter, who broke her ankle.
- 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.
- Only one more Interclub to go - Metro/McGregor Club (9/21)!
- Finance:
 - Danielle Emery, Matt Ponzio and Gary Hudson will meet soon to audit the Club's books.
 - The Board agreed to order sandwich trays from Jason's Deli at a cost of \$8 per person. Please RSVP to Gary if you plan to attend or bring guests so we have enough food on hand.
 - All checks must be approved by the Board. Budgeted expenses will be considered pre-approved. Unforeseen expenses must be approved prior to payment.
 - Danielle Emery will send a proposed budget to the Board for review which will include confirmed fundraising activities and service projects.
 - Board members agreed to send members to the District Convention next year, but not the International Convention.
 - We will begin to collect happy and sad dollars at meetings and ask for a volunteer to coordinate a weekly 50/50 raffle.

- **Membership:**
 - The Board agreed to send handwritten cards to members rather than e-cards.
 - Kat Williams' application was approved.
 - The Board approved the non-renewal of 12 memberships.
 - The deadline to renew is September 15th. Please send membership checks to Terry Luster.
 - The membership fee is \$100 and is broken down as follows: \$8 - Kiwanis GTTI; \$42 – Kiwanis International; \$8 – Kiwanis Magazine; \$30 – District; \$12 – insurance.
 - The Board approved Dona Kriete to replace Adam Schweikert on the Board and Connie Schmucker to replace Tom Richards.

- **Service Opportunities Update:**
 - 31 kids attended the Builder's Club meeting.
 - Danielle Emery asked members to sign up to volunteer for Taste of the Town on November 7th.
 - Board members approved donating leftover Dining Books to Candlelighters for their golf tournament goodie bags.

- The Board approved giving gifts to the incoming and outgoing Lieutenant Governors, as well as the Kiwanis Foundation.

- The District has issued a call to action to participate in “The Milk Party” on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30pm at Seacrest Country Day School. The Milk Party is a statewide campaign developed by the Children's Movement of Florida to educate and energize the public about its goals and the need for involvement. The Children's Movement is a nonpartisan populist movement to educate political, business and civic leaders as well parents to the urgent need to address the state's failure in promoting the health and welfare of children. The basic goals of the Children's Movement are: health insurance for all children, the screening and treating of children with special needs, improving the universal pre-kindergarten system, the advancing of mentor programs, and the development of parenting skills programs. For more information contact Becky Newell at becky.newell@chidlrensmovementflorida.org.

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