



Kiwaniis

Gateway to the Islands



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"A goal without a plan is just a wish." - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

NEW MEETING LOCATION AND TIME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

January – March Tuesday 7:30 AM
April – December Tuesday 11:45 AM

First Watch
13211 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers

Meeting Calendar

February 1	Board Meeting
February 5	Committee Reports Due

Ongoing 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.

Pine Manor After-School Program – Mentors needed – Weekdays, 2:30pm-5:30pm. If interested, please contact Diane Connell at: dconnell@cac-swfl.org.

Destiny Diaper Bank – Volunteers needed for a variety of projects. If interested, please contact Becky at: 239-910-8198.

- **Members – please note that Connie Schmucker has a new email address: connieschmucker@yahoo.com.**
- **Upcoming district events:**
 - Zone Conference – Bradenton March 5, 2011**
 - Kiwanis One Day - April 2, 2011**
- **Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis is hosting the Harlem Ambassadors basketball team on February 22 at 7pm at Estero Recreation Center. The team will play a team comprised of local leaders and hometown heroes. To purchase tickets visit any Lee County Iberia Bank or go online to www.metro-mcgregor.com**

Program Speaker – Terry Luster on Kiwanis Membership

Corporate Membership

What is a corporate membership?

A corporate membership allows a club to designate an individual membership spot in a Kiwanis Club for an employee of a specific company or organization. As an employee changes jobs or is transferred to a new location, a new employee can be designated to take the place of the previous member without being charged a new member fee by the organization.

Why would a club want to offer a Corporate Membership?

Corporate membership will appeal to large organizations with employees at multiple locations, especially where employees tend to be transferred every few years: bank branches, financial service companies, retail stores, restaurant chains, public school systems, etc.

Can an employer have a corporate membership and send different employees to the meetings each week?

Yes. Different employees from the same employer can attend meetings. However, only the designated person can hold office or vote on club business.

Does a corporate member pay regular dues?

Yes. The member pays all associated club dues just like any other club member. The employer may choose to pay the dues on behalf of the employee, however, this is not required.

Can a corporate member hold office?

Yes. Corporate members are entitled to all club benefits of any other member in good standing.

Can a corporate member be part of a satellite club?

Yes.

Can one employer have two corporate memberships?

Yes. Each corporate membership would have a specific person named to the membership. There is no limit to the number of corporate memberships in a club.

Does a corporate membership require a change to the club bylaws?

No. The club secretary will need to denote on the member application that this person is a corporate member and identify the company or organization.

Membership

1. Meeting

- Special Guest Day - Special Membership Round-up - March 29 (Target Date)
- Detailed Outlines of Actions to Happen When: Letters, Contacts of Potentials, Members turn in name of person they have asked at March 15 Meeting

2. Service Project

- Signature Project
- Hands-on Project - Prayer Breakfast - Can a project be done in conjunction?
 - Shoes: Get new pair when old pair is returned
 - Other Ideas
- Meaningful Experience - Not just writing a check or dropping off items
- "Kiwaniis One Day" Project

3. Calling

- Businesses - Corporate Membership (What is it?)
- Teams of Two Members

4. General

- Meaningful Programs
- Ask EVERY Speaker - Can't be a member if they are never asked
- Make A List: Family, Relatives, Neighbors, Friends, Co-Workers, Agencies, Club Support Groups, Church, Lawyer, CPA, Real Estate Agent, Banker, Doctor, Insurance Agent, Government Officials, Businesses You Have Used, Coaches, Teachers, Any Youth Related Organization

- Invite to a meeting that person might have an interest in speaker
- Show Value of Being a Member
- More Members >> More Ideas & Enthusiasm >> More Service >> More Etc
- Share Your "Kiwanis Moment"

5. Timing - Pro & Con??

- Season is bad for businesses - e.g. FMB Chamber Business Fair
- March 29 Meeting in Conjunction with Dining Book Sales Kickoff

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