



# Kiwanis

## Gateway to the Islands



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*"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." Hebrews 13:2*

### Meeting Calendar

December 5	Committee Reports Due
December 7	Board Meeting – ALL are welcome!
December 14	Wrapping party and DCM update – starts at 11 AM!
December 21	Dave Stauffer – Project Eliminate
December 28	Builder's Club Pizza Party

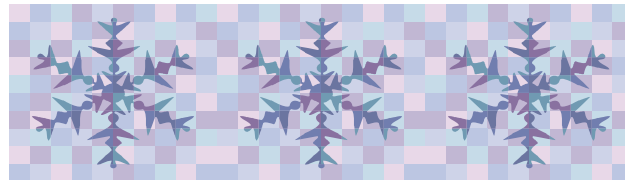
### Division Council Meeting - December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Kiwanis Hall - downtown Fort Myers**

**6 - 8 p.m. – Dinner and program**

**Hosted by the Fort Myers & Metro-McGregor Clubs**

**Agenda: Division 19 projects, Kiwanis Night at the Everblades, Harry Chapin Food Bank Walk, Page Park Community toy drive, and "Reporting" to Kiwanis International and to the Florida District.**



### 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.

**North Fort Myers Academy – Seeking volunteers for the Science Fair** on 12/8 from 8:00-12:00. If interested, please contact Terry Luster at: [tluster@nvtlsi.com](mailto:tluster@nvtlsi.com).

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

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing –** Saturday, 12/11 from 10-4 at the Publix at Summerlin and San Carlos Blvd. Please contact Viki Luster if you are interested.

### Meeting Highlights

- **Club members welcomed guest speaker Lisa Cronin-Miller and Naylet Litpak.**
- **Feeding the 5000 was a huge success. Thank you to those club members who participated!**
- **Our own Builders Club was featured in this week's River Weekly for their carnation sales project to benefit breast cancer research.**
- **The Appeals Committee met this month regarding the status of the Governor-Elect. A decision is still pending.**
- **The following change to meeting times and location was approved, effective January 1, 2011:**

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

Arrangements have been confirmed with First Watch at 13211 McGregor Boulevard for 7:30 a.m. on January 4, 2011. Menu may perused at [www.firstwatch.com/menu-breakfast.htm](http://www.firstwatch.com/menu-breakfast.htm).

- **Upcoming events:**

**Kiwanis Night at the Everblades - January 21, 2011**  
**Zone Conference – Bradenton March 5, 2011**  
**Kiwanis One Day - April 2, 2011**

- **The Fort Myers South Club has requested donations for their Christmas party on Saturday, December 11th at All Children's Specialty Care. They estimate 100-125 children will attend. Items requested include: Barbies, baby dolls, trucks/cars, board games, baby toys that light up and play music. Please, no stuffed animals.**
- **Fighting Hunger Feeding Hope – Kiwanis Division 19 is partnering with Harry Chapin Food Bank for the Hunger Walk on January 22, 2011. For more information, contact Marta Hodson at 239-334-7007 ext. 32.**

**Guest Speaker: Lisa Cronin-Miller, Director of  
Community Relations and Education - LARC**

Since 1954, LARC's mission has been to promote and provide opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to live and work in our communities. Three-hundred individuals, from highly functioning to profoundly disabled, are served annually. Client services include: adult day activity training, supported employment, supported living, and residential homes. In addition, clients provide services to the business community including a woodshop which manufactures pallets of all sizes, survey stakes, decorative fences, and more. Clients may also work in the Product Assembly Area where training tasks such as assembling, collating, packaging and preparing mailings are performed.

As LARC's Director of Community Relations and Education, Lisa works with FGCU's Civic Engagement Program, the Eagle Scouts, Bishop Verot students and others to make LARC's facilities as welcoming and accommodating as possible. Past projects have included painting buildings, planting gardens, constructing bike paths and refurbishing the agency's residential homes. In addition, Lisa heads up the Sensitivity Awareness Workshop of Southwest Florida, Inc.. Its purpose is to educate individuals about people with disabilities through a hands-on, interactive program. The workshop offers organizations a comprehensive program that fosters understanding and a sincere sense of compassion and empathy towards those with disabilities. More than 12,000 individuals have completed the program to date. For more information on LARC and the Sensitivity Awareness Workshop, please visit: [www.larcleecounty.org](http://www.larcleecounty.org).

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