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## Gateway to the Islands



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*"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you,"  
that would suffice" -Meister Eckhart*

### **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**

November 16	Matt Ponzio - UPS Shipping
November 23	Tom Reynolds - Veolia Environmental Services:
November 30	Lisa Cronin Miller - LARC
December 5	Committee Reports Due
December 7	Board Meeting – ALL are welcome!
December 14	TBD
December 21	Dave Stauffer – Project Eliminate
December 28	TBD



***FEEDING THE 5000 Thanksgiving Outreach***  
**To volunteer, visit: [www.feedingthe5000.net](http://www.feedingthe5000.net)**

**OR**

**Contact Kelly Sonnanstine at**  
**[ksonnans@hotmail.com](mailto:ksonnans@hotmail.com)**

**GTTI's Biggest Fundraiser Continues!**

**Delicious Dining Discount books are still 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](mailto:vluster@nvtlsi.com). To find out where to purchase books, visit our club website: [www.kiwanisgtti.com](http://www.kiwanisgtti.com).**

**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](mailto:dconnell@cac-swfl.org).

The **Fort Myers Beach Chamber** seeks volunteers for the **Sandsculpting Contest**, November 11-14. Contact Terry Luster at [tluster@nvtlsi.com](mailto:tluster@nvtlsi.com).

## Club Reminders

- **The following change to meeting times was approved, effective January 1, 2011:**

**January – March Tuesday 8:00 AM**

**April – December Tuesday 11:45 AM**

**The meeting location will remain the same.**

- **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: Sue Schmitt – Ambassador Academy**

Sue Schmitt, founder of Ambassador Academy, opened the school in September 2010 with 3 students in donated space at Southwest Baptist Church. The basis for starting the school came from Sue's experience in teaching. She found that special needs children were requiring the majority of the teacher's time. Thus, children with no diagnosis and/or no behavioral problems were often falling through the cracks.

Ambassador Academy was established for "all" children from severely learning-disabled to gifted in grades K-8. Children work at their own pace in individual "offices" using curriculum from Accelerated Christian Education. In addition to standard academics, students receive Christian education as well as music, drama, and sports; and are required to complete 30 hours of community service annually.

The church is currently renovating additional space to accommodate the school's anticipated growth to 12 students by the end of the year. (The school currently has 6 children enrolled.) At \$3,400 the tuition is well below that of local private schools. For more information, contact Sue at [susschmitt@aol.com](mailto:susschmitt@aol.com).

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