



NEWS FROM THE GATEWAY

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AWESOME PROGRAMS!



Florida Wildlife Author

On November 22 award-winning author Charles Sobczak shared beautiful photos from his book, *The Living Gulf Coast: A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida*.

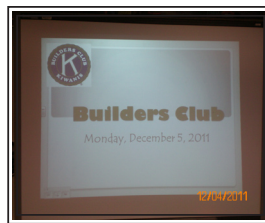


Kiwanis Continuing Education

On November 29 Terry Luster presented a "bird's-eye" view of what it means to join Kiwanis. With a Power Point program of our mission, procedures, and general information, old and new members alike went away feeling a little more knowledgeable about our organization.

Interclub Visit

On November 30 six members of GTTI joined the Fort Myers Club for a luncheon meeting to hear from Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto. Her insight into state politics, along with some interesting stories of her experiences in politics, made this a most interesting and informative day for everyone!



Builders Club

Our first December meeting was on Monday, December 5 at Lexington Middle School, where nine members of GTTI joined Builders Club for a joint meeting and sharing of ideas. Students used a Smart Board for a Power Point presentation of their projects throughout the year. We enjoyed a light breakfast, getting acquainted with our future leaders, and a glimpse of what Viki Luster, BC Advisor, sees each week when she meets with these dynamic students!

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 10** - Bell Ringing at Publix on San Carlos - come ring and sing!
- December 13** - Lunch Meeting at Faith UMC - "Wrapping Party" for Heights Christmas Giving
- December 15** - Deliver gifts to The Heights Foundation
- December 20** - Program TBA
- December 27** - No Meeting
- January 24** - Kiwanis Night at the Everblades game. More information to follow!
- March 13** - Jim Nathan, President of Lee Memorial Health Systems! Bring guests!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * We are still collecting stuffed animals for the Children's Advocacy Council. Bring them to any meeting and Matt will deliver them.
- * Brightest Horizons collects Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels.
- * Save your used printer cartridges - we earn store credits at Office Depot!
- * Make final calls to dining book prospects - we are almost ready to print!



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- Wear your badge on your right side – it's easier for the person greeting you to read!
 - Be sure to shake hands with everyone!
 - Save your box tops, soup labels, and used printer cartridges!

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

On Tuesday, December 13 we will gather at Faith United Methodist Church for our annual "Wrapping Party!" Thanks to Santa Richard, we have gifts for 40 children and 20 adults in the Harlem Heights Community, and they need to be wrapped. So bring your paper, tape, scissors, ribbons, and enthusiasm - we'll have lunch and prepare to deliver the gifts on December 15!



*"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
Henry Longworth Longfellow*

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We meet every Tuesday - Visitors are always welcome!

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one child and one community at a time.*
