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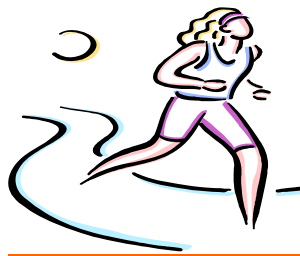
*"It's choice - not chance - that determines your destiny." -
Jean Nidetch*

Meeting Calendar

Mar. 15	TBD
Mar. 22	TBD
Mar. 29	Special Membership meeting
Apr. 2	Kiwaniis One Day

Please remember to tip our server every week! 😊

**Division Conference Meeting
March 10 – 6:30pm
Boy Scout Conference Center
Bring a dessert to share.
Let Terry know if you will be
attending.**



*Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's 5K Walk to Cure Diabetes
April 16 - 8:00 AM registration
Bell Tower Shops*

Register online at http://www2.jdrf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=walk_homepage

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.

Meeting Highlights

- **The club welcomed members from the Fort Myers South and Pine Island Kiwanis Clubs, as well as Kim and Olivia Ponzio and guest speakers, Lowell and Sally Senitz.**
- **Dining books are now available for purchase. See Terry or Viki to place your order. We are working on updating our club's Facebook page to include the dining book.**
- **Our club received the Caring Corner and Round Robin patches at the March 5th Zone Conference meeting.**
- **Deadline for submitting guest names to Terry for March 29th Special Membership meeting is March 15th - tluster@nvtlsi.com.**

Guest Speakers – Lowell and Sally Senitz, Wings of Shelter International

Lowell and Sally Senitz are the founders of Wings of Shelter Int'l, Inc., an organization dedicated to rescuing children from Human Trafficking and Child Slavery. The agency's mission is to RESCUE – RESTORE – EDUCATE – PREVENT victims of Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Slavery. Human trafficking is the utilization of human beings against their will. Worldwide, 27 million people are held in slavery – 50%

are children under the age of 18. In the U.S., 300,000 children fall victim every year. Florida ranks second in the country in the number of human trafficking victims.

Services provided by Wings of Shelter include the development of safe houses where victims can live in safety, and training in Human Trafficking Intervention/Investigations for members of law enforcement, victim services organizations, the judicial system, and school districts and legislators. The newest safe house is located in Lee County. It can accommodate up to 5 girls and is the only facility offering long-term care to trafficking victims in the State of Florida.

In addition, Wings of Shelter recently launched the “R U a Target” prevention education program in all Lee County middle and high schools. The program is now available in all Florida school districts. For more information, visit www.wingsofshelter.org.

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