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"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty." -Mother Teresa

Meeting Calendar

Sept. 5	Committee Reports Due
Sept. 6	NO MEETING
Sept. 7	Deadline to RSVP to Annual Banquet
Sept. 12	Annual Banquet
Sept. 13	Board Meeting
Sept. 20	Investment Fraud
Sept. 27	Hannah Pelle, Kiwanis Foundation



**PLEASE REVIEW ABOVE
DATES CAREFULLY AS
SOME CHANGES HAVE BEEN
MADE!**

Please remember to tip our server every week! 😊

Achieving Club Excellence Workshop

Presented by Rhonda Vrell, Kiwanis International

September 20, 2011

6:00 – 9:00pm

(No meal will be served- So eat early or bring snacks!!)

Boy Scout Conference Center
1801 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers

Please RSVP by September 16th to Bruce Boyd, Lt. Gov. Div. 19
dboydjr@msn.com

Service Opportunity

Beach Clean-up with the Builder's Club

Saturday, September 17

8:30am

Lighthouse Beach, Sanibel

Please let Viki know if you plan to attend!

vluster@nvtlsi.com

Meeting Highlights

- **Club members welcomed guest speaker Gary Bryant.**
- **Gentle reminder: please renew your club membership as soon as possible.**
- **If you did not receive an email invitation to the Annual Banquet, or accidentally deleted it, please email Diane for a new one, dconnell@cac-swfl.org.**
- **Please bring any unsold Dining Books to the next club meeting.**

- Terry and Viki need assistance with the Dining Book next year. Please let them know if you can help (tluster@nvtlsi.com or vluster@nvtlsi.com)! The books are our signature fundraising project and generate most of the funds we contribute to local charities.
- The Florida Kiwanian magazine is now available in electronic format ONLY. The Kiwanis International magazine is still being mailed out in hard copy format. If you are not receiving both of these, please let Terry Luster know (tluster@nvtlsi.com).
- Dave gave a summary of the District Convention. Our club received a patch for our efforts with Project Eliminate.

Guest Speaker: Gary Bryant, Goodwheels

Gary Bryant, President and CEO of Good Wheels, was the guest speaker. As the state-designated Community Transportation Coordinator and the major transportation provider for the Transportation Disadvantaged in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties since 1990, Good Wheels provides special-needs transportation to the elderly, disabled and less-fortunate.

To receive services, clients must qualify through one of two programs: Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) or Medicaid. The TD Program is for those who, because of physical or mental disability, income status or age (either young or old) are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation; or for children who are disabled or at-risk. As a result, they are dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities or other life sustaining activities. Transportation is also available under the Medicaid Program. However, all trips must be for approved medical appointments only. Sixty vehicles transport an average of 600 passengers a day on routes that are tailored daily to meet clients' needs.

As a not-for-profit business, Good Wheels works diligently to find ways to close the gap between client needs and what public funding will cover. In addition to its para-transit services, Good Wheels operates several for-profit ventures including luxury charter bus service, fleet and auto maintenance services and transit advertising. All proceeds put back into the agency's non-profit mission.

For more information about Brightest Horizons, visit www.GoodWheels.org.

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