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"Happiness depends upon ourselves." - Aristotle

Meeting Calendar

August 16	Nancy Coker - Child Care of SWFL
August 23	Connie Martin – Brightest Horizons
August 25	Club Excellence Survey Due
August 30	Gary Bryant - Good Wheels



**BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH
11:45 AM AT FIRST WATCH**

Please remember to tip our server every week! 😊

Club Excellence Tool

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands strives to deliver a meaningful experience to all members. Your feedback is critical to making our club the best it can be. The Club Excellence Tool is an online self-evaluation survey designed to monitor the health of our club. Based on your responses, the program offers recommended improvements and resources to help us make those changes. Please go to www.KiwanisOne.org/clubexcellencetoolonline and enter this ID to begin the survey: SV8699270. Please finish your survey by August 25.

Thank you!

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

- **Club members inducted our newest member, Mary Anne Carstensen. She will be joining the Builder's Club Committee. Welcome Mary Anne!**
- **Due to a scheduling conflict, the Annual Banquet will NOT be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011. A Save the Date email will be sent as soon as a new date has been confirmed.**
- **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.**

Guest Speakers: Susan Tew and Debra Webb, HOPE Clubhouse

Susan Tew and Debra Webb, Chairman of the Board and Executive Director respectively of HOPE Clubhouse of Southwest Florida, Inc., were the guest speakers. Founded in Lee County in 2007, HOPE Clubhouse is a community of people organized to support individuals living with the effects of mental illness. Through participation in a clubhouse, members are given opportunities to rejoin the worlds of friendship, work,

employment and education. Membership is open to anyone with a history of mental illness.

Although the first clubhouse was started more than fifty years ago and has been replicated more than 350 times around the world, the clubhouse concept is still a radically different way of working in the field of community mental health. Most program models still focus on assessing a person's level of disability and limiting the expectations based on that assessment. In a clubhouse the expectations are high and mutual work, satisfying relationships and meaningful opportunities in the community are the vehicles of choice. In the clubhouse, there are no clinical therapies or treatment-oriented programs and members participate as they feel ready and according to their individual interests.

The term "clubhouse" communicates the message of membership and belonging. Members are seen as valued participants, not patients. Clubhouses are built upon the belief that every member can sufficiently recover from the effects of mental illness to lead personally satisfying lives. The daily activities of a clubhouse are organized around a structured system known as the work-ordered day which parallels the business hours of the working community. Participation is voluntary but all members are encouraged to work in areas including clerical, reception, food service, transportation, outreach, education, and financial services.

For more information about HOPE Clubhouse, visit www.hopeclubhouse.org.

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