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President's Letter

Happy Holidays to Members, Family and Friends,

As I write this, I'm already thinking to myself that it was JUST Thanksgiving! Time is "flying"! Dave and I were so lucky to have his younger brother join us this year for turkey day. He has never been to see our place so it was such a treat showing off all of the things that we feel have bounced back, improved, rebuilt, etc. (thinking later that he never seen things before this visit!) We also boated and beached, so in that regard, Mother Nature never disappoints! Needless to say, you can't fool everyone. Larry did feel our "broken hearts" after meeting and listening to stories from friends, watching videos and covering the island on foot, bike and vehicle. BUT, he did feel the vibe of the beach with all that I've mentioned above and that's what it's all about! Thank you Larry for putting things back into perspective. Love, Family, Friends, Happiness and living your best day ever, every day! We hope he comes back soon!

Members of our FMB Community Foundation, thank YOU for your pride in #WE ARE FMB, Resiliency and our group of "Friends, raising money to give it away". How perfect is that?

I want to send you all a message of thankfulness, friendship and love. Happy days to everyone, whether it is your Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, Happy Holidays or just another day! Be happy, treat each other and strangers with kindness and keep our resiliency going!!! We still have a bit to go,

BUT...we can enjoy our mini victories that have made us thankful for so, so much.
All my best.
Julie

FMB Flag!!



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Well if this isn't the perfect thing for those of us putting our lives back together here!

Get yours in time for Christmas!

<https://fmbcommunityfoundation.com/our-shop/>

Member Meeting!



This month we meet at

Alicia Steinhagen's house
(Thank you Alicia!)

Wednesday, December 13th at 5:00

We will enjoy a lovely catered meal by Robert Morrill formerly from the Island Pancake House (yum!!) and celebrate the season together!

Bridgette Myers, President of the Beach Kids Foundation, will speak at 5:30. Please support the kids on the beach by purchasing a gift from their wish-list on Amazon. (Below) Either send the gift directly through Amazon or

purchase one and bring it to the meeting. Thank you very much!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3V7G5YF2NETBD?ref_=wl_share

Estero Island Historic Society



At the November meeting, we gave a donation to Ellie Bunting, president of the Estero Historic Society to support their efforts to renovate the museum saving FMB's history.

Calling All Members!

At our last meeting, ideas for fundraisers was presented and discussed.

Which interest you?

Which would you like to help organize?

Which would you like to volunteer for?

- Host a Trivia Night at a Local Bar/Restaurant
 - Have an island Scavenger Hunt
 - Have a Bake Sale (Maybe after one of Ed's Runs)
 - Have a charity auction—can be virtual
 - Have a Guest Speaker Series (open?)
 - Host Celebrity Jeopardy
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Happy Hour!

See you at Snug Harbor, January 24, 2024!



MISSION STATEMENT

The Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation seeks to empower our members and our community by encouraging philanthropy to improve the overall quality of life in Fort Myers Beach. We respond to the changing and emerging needs of our community by providing support for education, health and welfare, and the preservation of our natural environment and history.