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President's Letter

Happy New Year FMB Community Foundation Members,

2024 has but as arrived with chilly weather but warm smiles. Our Holiday Party was so wonderful in December thanks to Alicia Steinhagen opening up her beautiful home for all of us. We appreciate it!

We are looking forward to a busy spring with many irons in the fire. Our new merchandise item, FMB flags will hopefully be popular when we have opportunities to sell out in the public but in the meantime, the products are available online. Members, please be sure to let friends and family know about that avenue. Wouldn't it be great to see the flags on every street on FMB, plus on doors and balconies of condos? We will be gathering to put the ACT bags together this month, as well as having our golf hole at Snug Harbor for the Putt 'n Pub. Be sure to check out all of the beautiful baskets that are out there for raffle for each of non-profits "manning" a hole. You can find out more information on the Women's Club FB page.

Our membership meetings have been changed to Bonita Bill's through April so please come check it out. This month's meeting is January 17th. With that... onward into 2024 and may it be a great year!

Julie

Putt 'n Pub Fun!



The Foundation will be at Snug Harbor Restaurant running the hole, selling merch, and showcasing our basket. The golfers start shot gun at 11am. Award prizes and drawing for the baskets will be at Margaritaville after finishing the 9 holes. This year the event is sold out with 60 teams. Approximately 300 people will be participating and we expect spectators.

THE FMB Award Basket
Everything you need to enjoy FORT MYERS BEACH!

Over \$350 in gift cards and tons of stuff to keep you comfy on a beach day. Shirts, hats, towels, koozies and even a book about the Mound House. In addition, iconic FMB license plate, FMB Fire Department gifts, over \$500 of surprises.

Contains Cooler, Beach Chairs, Beach Towels, Pirate Ship Rides, Snug Harbor Gift Certificate \$150.00, Snug Harbor Long Sleeve Shirt, Coozie and Hat, FMB Long sleeve shirt, visor and razorback Tee, Community Foundation Cookbook, Golf certificate at Whiskey Creek \$220, FMB Fire Department merch: Tee, Long sleeve and Coozies, BTR License Plate, Lorna Littrell Frig Magnets, Signed Mound House book and Historic Society Afgan!!!

Come on down and join the festivities!



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Member Meeting!



San Carlos Island, Florida

Our next membership meeting will be
Wednesday, January 17th
at Bonita Bill's
702 Fishermans Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 in their meeting room.

Our dinner (which will consist of our
Christmas party leftovers
–pasta, sausage, vegetables, and garlic knots,
plus a salad from Bonita Bill's
will be served at 5pm with our meeting beginning at 5:30pm.

You are free to bring a beverage of choice and there is a bar available in the
restaurant.

Liz Rhodes from FMB Pubic Library
Please RVSP by Saturday, January 13th to FMBCFmembership@gmail.com

Christmas Tree Festival



Candy Cane Lane was the theme of our tree this year. It included a few great gift certificates and "Spirits". We were fortunate -- it sold for \$605! Thank you to Suzy Krazewski and team!

Beach Clean Up



On January 1, 2024 there were 16 volunteers who collected 30 bags of trash which we estimate to be about 450 pounds!

A couple of people did find diapers and there were lots of straws, cigarette butts, plastic cups, sandals, socks and paper from those firecrackers. Just the normal after party debris.

A couple of people did mention that when looking at the sand from a certain angle they saw a lot of little pieces of glass reflected. There were

people on the beach walking barefoot so they did mention to them that they found glass shards, but their information didn't seem to have much impact on the walkers.

Very strange

Jane McCloskey with Nan Williams below



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.

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