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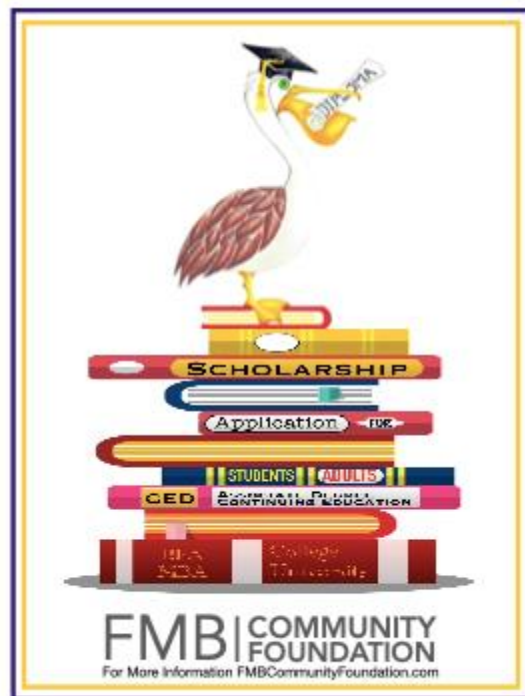
President's Letter

Dear Members, Happy February!

Our Community Foundation plate is getting full, which is a great thing. Events are returning to our community that we enjoy being a part of and we are creating some new events (some being fundraisers and some social). We have been invited to attend a **basketball double header at FSW on March 4th** for free. Bring a friend or spouse and enjoy the evening. The women play at 5pm and the men play at 7pm. There are a few spots left on the **Thrifting Bus for 3/8** and we will be walking in the **Shrimp Parade on 3/9**. Our new fundraiser is the **Dinky Pickleball Tournament that will take place at Bay Oaks on 3/16**. Please go to our website for more information on this event. Thank you Joy and Sharron for all of your hard work. On **3/20, we will be touring FSW** at 1pm. Many members that have taken the tour prior to 2020 are going to tour again! That's a great endorsement! Members will meet in the parking lot of the arena and the credit union at 1pm. At **March's meeting, we will take our membership photo** so please try to make it. Our momentum will continue to grow until we present our checks at our **season's final meeting on Tuesday, May 7th**. Soooo hop on board everyone and let's enjoy the ride!

Julie Fite

Scholarship



Time to give away some scholarship money!
People of any age who live, have lived, or currently work on Fort Myers Beach may
receive financial support
to pursue degrees or workforce certificates.

April 1 is the deadline to submit your request.

Member Meeting!



San Carlos Island, Florida

Our next membership meeting will be
Wednesday, February 21st
at Bonita Bill's
702 Fishermans Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 in the meeting room.

Our dinner is \$20
Choices are:
Grilled or blackened fish sandwich and slaw,
Original fried shrimp with slaw
or Cheese sticks and slaw.
We will have iced tea and water.
Other beverages are available at the bar.
Dinner will be served at 5pm
with our meeting beginning at 5:30pm.

Our speaker is Heather Chester
of Florida SouthWestern College

Please RVSP by Monday, February 19th to FMBCFMembership@gmail.com

Happy Hour!

See you at Snug Harbor, February 28, 2024!



FSW Basketball



Free!!

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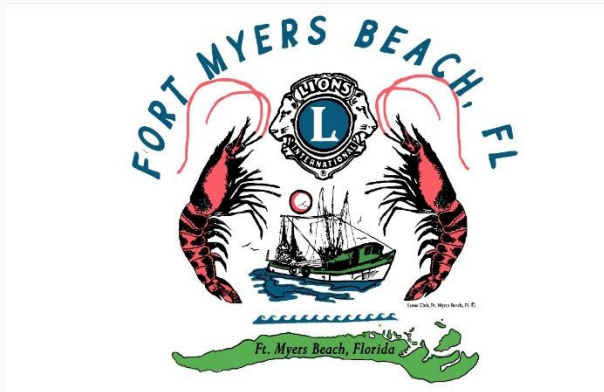
Thrifting Bus



There are a few spots left on the
Thrifting Bus on March 8

Come party with us as we take you to some of the best Thrift, Consignment, Vintage, Salvage, and Resale Shops. Your ticket includes snacks, refreshments, catered lunch, special discounts, games and prizes!

Shrimp Festival Parade



Hello fellow Community Foundation Members!
The Shrimp Festival Parade is coming up soon and we need some FABULOUS FLAMINGO
walkers!

The parade is
Saturday, March 9th from 10 - 12

We will gather earlier to decorate the car(s)
and to decorate ourselves.

The Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Festival parade is approximately 1.25-miles long and runs
down the main street of town on Estero Blvd from the Beach Elementary School (parade
loading zone) to the base of the Matanzas Bridge on the beach side. Parade entrants are
automatically entered into the Shrimp Festival Parade competition and awarded trophies
for best in class.

The Matanzas Bridge closes at 8AM, they are wanting participants at the staging area
(Beach School) no later than 9AM. If anyone has a convertible or a truck - preferably pink
- just kidding - and is willing to drive in the parade, please let me know.

Respond to Nan Williams if interested or if you have any questions. nanw12@gmail.com
More details will be coming soon!

Dinky Pickle Ball Tournament

BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS AND
THE FORT MYERS BEACH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENT:

DINKY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

PRIZES
FOR TOP 3
WINNERS!

FREE SWEAT
TOWEL WITH
EVERY ENTRY!

MARCH 16, 2024

AT BAY OAKS RECREATIONAL CAMPUS!

9:00 AM - 11:00AM: BEGINNERS

12:30PM - 2:30PM: 3.0+

QUEEN OF THE COURT STYLE

SWITCH PARTNERS EVERY GAME

FOOD TRUCK AVAILABLE ALL DAY!

FEE
\$40

**REGISTER
NOW!**

ACCESS
REGISTRATION
THROUGH OUR
QR CODE!



Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation and Bay Oaks Recreational Campus are hosting the 1st annual indoor Pickleball Tournament on March 16. There will be a morning session for beginners and an afternoon session for 3+ players. This is a King/Queen format where players change partners after every game.

All proceeds from this tournament will benefit the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation. The tournament is sponsored by the King Family Foundation.

All for making FMB a better place!!

FSW Tour



Join us for a tour of FSW
where we have our endowed scholarship!

March 20 at 1:00.

Meet in the parking lot of the arena and the credit union

PAST EVENTS



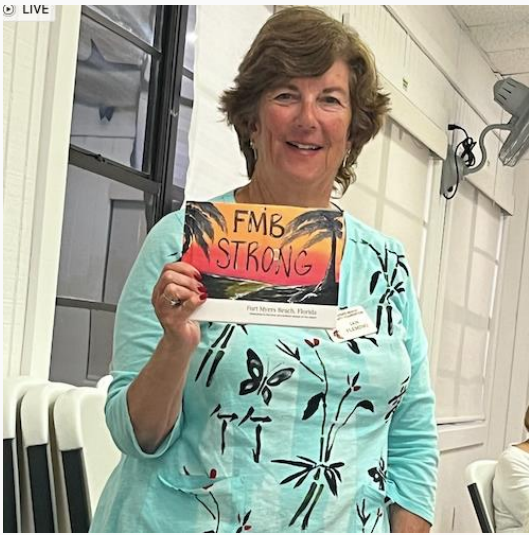
We stuffed 103 bags (wow!) with health and beauty aids for the women who receive support from Lee County's Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc.



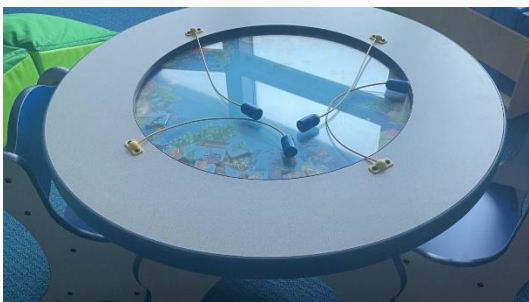
We made over \$3000 at the Putt 'n Pub!
Patti Coleman, Suzy Krazewski, Sharron Harlon, and Jane McCloskey checking the

score card.





At our January Member Meeting, Julie Fite presented our donation to Liz Rhodes from FMB Pubic Library ...



... and here are the items our donation to the library in the children's area. So fun!



Mrs. Roper—What a fun day was had by approximately 300 Mrs. Ropers, supporting FMB Strong!! Lots of laughs, curious tourists and a medal at the end! 2nd Annual Mrs.Roper Pub Crawl is scheduled for February 8th, 2025

Sue Voivedich, Kelly Smith, Jan Falkum, Suzy Krajewski,

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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