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President's Letter

Dear Community Foundation Members,

Spring is coming in fast folks with lots going on! We just had an amazing day at Bay Oaks today for our Dinky Pickleball Tournament. The turnout was phenomenal

and chances are, there will be another go-round next year. Thanks to Joy Sullivan, our pickleball tourney chairperson and Sharron Harlan, key volunteer for all of their hard work. Also thanks to all the members that came out to help. Great day! Our next adventure is this Wednesday with a tour of FSW. We have 11 members going to enjoy the wonderful facility of FSW. Right after that is our membership meeting where we will be reviewing upcoming events, taking a new membership picture (Please wear your FMBCF shirt if you are attending.) and looking towards our final meeting of the year where we give funds away to organizations in our community that help our community and the people in it. Our final meeting will be May 7 at FSW Sun Coast Credit Union Arena. There is one more prior to that however, on 4/17.

Coming on April 13, we will be presenting Viva Las Vegas at Diamondhead Beach Resort in partnership with The King Family Foundation. Bring your friends and join us for a night of Poker, Blackjack, Roulette and more. On April 23rd, members will join the IMAG History and Science Center employees at the Elementary School to treat the students and their families to science experiments and a pizza party. We will need all hands on deck so be sure to sign up soon to volunteer.

Thanks for all that you do!

See you all soon!

Julie Fite–President FMBCF

KL CB AWARD!





Thank you, Jane McCloskey, for your tremendous efforts organizing our beach clean ups!

Member Meeting!



San Carlos Island, Florida

Our next membership meeting will be
Wednesday, March 20th
at Bonita Bill's
702 Fishermans Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
in the meeting room.

Our dinner is \$20

Choices are:

BBQ pork sandwich and slaw

or

House salad and onion rings

or

Original fried shrimp with slaw

Bring your own beverage

or purchase one at the bar.

Dinner will be served at 5pm
with our meeting beginning at 5:30pm.

Our speaker is Joanne Semmer of Ostego Bay Foundation.

Please remember to wear your FMBCF shirt
as we will be taking a group picture!

VIVA LAS VEGAS



THE FORT MYERS BEACH COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION PRESENTS

VIVA LAS VEGAS
APRIL 13, 2024

KING'S CASINO
AT DIAMONDHEAD BEACH RESORT




POKER - BLACKJACK - ROULETTE

6:00P REGISTRATION
6:30P GAMING FOR PRIZES

\$100 DONATION PER PERSON
INCLUDES HORS D'OEUVRES AND \$2000 IN GAMING CHIPS

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY
WWW.FMBCOMMUNITYFOUNDATION.COM

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CASH BAR
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Get your tickets now, through our Website for the April 13th “King’s Casino” night!!! This promises to be an entertaining evening full of gambling, food, drinks and mingling!!

<https://fmbcommunityfoundation.com/product/viva-las-vegas-annual-fundraiser/>

Happy Hour!

See you at Snug Harbor, Wednesday, March 27, 2024!



KLCB Great American Clean Up

March 30, 2024



PAST EVENTS

FSW Scholarships



In September 2020, our Foundation voted to set up the FSW Scholarship Endowment. We had our fingers crossed that we would be able to distribute \$10,000 each year over the next five years to complete this task.

Heather Chester, Chief Development Officer for FSW State College, informed us at our last Member Meeting that we met our goals in extraordinary fashion.

In just 3 1/2 years, the endowment is at \$67,766.90. The endowment itself will begin to provide scholarships, based on a three-year rolling average of earning, in the Fall of 2025.

Our gifts directly to students through the pass-through program have awarded 25 different scholarships for a total of \$22,000.

Wow! Over \$80,000 gifted to the endowment and to the pass-through program in 42 months. Heather emphasized over and over that this

does not happen. Large corporations do not fund these endowments to quickly nor so well. We are so ... FLAMAZING! (See Shrimp Festival!)

Thanks from some of the FSW scholarship recipients

ASHLEY

I want to start off by saying thank you to the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation. This is an absolute blessing and not only am I beyond grateful but my parents are as well. ... After the hurricane my parents and I lost our jobs and had to make do in any way we could but even though we were struggling my parents priority was always for me to keep going with my education. ... knowing that this foundation has contributed to my hard work I know I have some extra cheerleader and I appreciate this more than anything. Once again, Thank You guys! I will forever be grateful to the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation.

EMMA

Dear Foundation, Wow! Thank you so very much for your generous gift! I am so grateful! This amazing gift has made such a huge impact in my life. My parents lost everything in hurricane Ian but still continued to support me with tuition and everything I needed for school. With the help of this scholarship I won't have to rely so much on my parents financially and can focus on earning my degree. Than you again so much!

JASON

Dear Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation, I want to thank you for the wonderful scholarship you awarded me. It means so much to me ad I am thankful for your support towards my education. Your kindness has lighten my financial burden and will allow me to focus on my education. I promise to make you proud and thank you again for investing in my future.

ROMEO

Hello, thank you so much for the generous gift. I have never received a scholarship before as I struggled in school in the past, I went from a F student to a A/B student in high school, but was too late for any scholarships. It feels good to have finally been rewarded for cleaning up my act and I will never forget that. I will get my business degree and this makes it that much more

realistic for me, thank you.

Shrimp Festival Parade







We **FLAMAZING** women won two first place trophies -- one for Civic Groups and one for Marching Unit (dance truck)! We recruited a bachelor party to join us after their deep sea fishing tour was cancelled. It was fun!

Dinky Pickleball Tournament





We had a great turnout and Alex King played!! He was a great supporter! The match with Dan and Jim against Kim and Ed was a hoot! All in all a super event. I could go on! We had kids from FGCU as volunteers and of course our folks!

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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