

December 2024

2023-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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President's Letter

Greetings

Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We enjoyed participating in a fundraiser mid-November that wasn't in the budget. The FMB Chamber offered parking lots around Diamond Head to non-profit organizations to run for paid parking during the Sand Sculpture event. We coordinated the Neptune lot for the whole 4 days and the Shamrock lot for the last day and made \$11,214.00! Thanks to all that volunteered! The money raised made working those shifts absolutely worth it! Go Team!

Now that December is here I would like to review our Holiday Party plans again. It will be on Wednesday, 12/18/24. Please, everyone who wants to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$10.00 White Elephant wrapped gift and if you would like to bring cookies to have people buy please do so. The theme is a Tropical Christmas and will begin at The Island Pancake House at 5pm. Kelly

and her Social Committee will have all kinds of fun planned for us! Also, If you haven't already, please bring a themed homemade basket (or items for a basket) for Suzy to put together for the Style Show in February. She would like to have these complete prior to 12/31/24. Thanks all and see you soon!!

Julie President FMBCF

December Member Meeting



December 18th 5pm

We will be having heavy appetizers at The Islands Pancake House, thanks to Brian and Stacey.

Fite

The theme is "Tropical Christmas", so dress up in your best tropical attire!



There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange! \$10 spending limit, please? Your gift can be funny, heart felt or gently used.



We'll be playing a game or two!

Dessert will be a cookie/treat exchange, so when you're making those holiday goodies, make some extra to share with the members!

There will be treat boxes available for a minimal fee, if you would like to take some home!



Please RSVP on our web portal by December 16th. <u>https://www.ourgrouponline.org/FormDetail.aspx?Menu_ltem_ID=41&Form_ID=</u> <u>2486&Stack=0&Application_ID=3166&ID=9</u> Looking forward to seeing you there!!

November's Dinner Meeting

Our member, Dawn Thomas spoke about the Woman's Club at the November meeting. Dawn educated us on the history of the Woman's Club. She also told us about their fundraisers and their Capital Campaign to rebuild the Woman's Club lost in Hurricane Ian. You can learn more on their website, <u>https://www.fmb-wc.org/</u>.



Putt & Pub Basket



Great job everyone! This is one day's Amazon delivery for our Putt N Pub basket. Our basket is going to look awesome and we are sure to raise a lot of money for the Foundation.

Since our FMB businesses are still recovering from the numerous hurricanes, we don't wish to solicit donations from many of them, so our committee had the idea to ask our members to buy items from an Amazon wish list. We realize many of you are also still recovering, so do what you can. There are items on the list with a range of prices to make it easier for all to contribute.

Our basket theme will be **Emergency Kit** and will include many batteryoperated and solar items as well as cleaning products. Use this link to order <u>https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LITF9XM646KP?ref_=wl_share</u>. Be sure to choose Jan Falkum's delivery address unless you would rather receive the item(s) and deliver them to Jan yourself.

Putt & Pub-Help Needed

Hey Members! Sign up for 2-hour shifts to work at Putt & Pub Crawl. This is a very fun event on FMB and a 2 hour shift leaves you plenty of time to have fun yourself. Go to our member

portal, <u>https://www.ourgrouponline.org/FortMyersBeachCommunityFoundation/</u>, to sign up. Click on the event on the calendar, then indicate in comments what shift you would like to work (10-12, 12-2, 2-4).

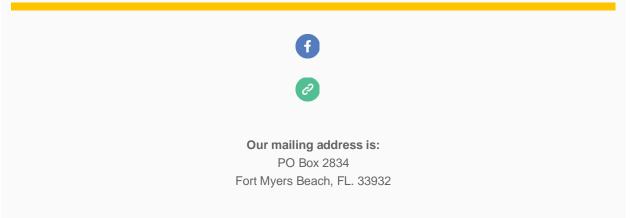
Members Helping Others

Susan Krajewski, Joy Sullivan and Patti Coleman, along with friend Celeste cooked dinner for the Ronald McDonald House recently. Fabulous!



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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