



May 2025

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Things were quite busy this spring and but we made it to the Foundation's highlight of the year, our money distribution meeting! This newsletter should have lots of great pictures from that evening as well as our Casino Night and our Social at Snug Harbor. A special thanks to Kathy Nash who puts our newsletter together.

Tuesday, May 6th the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation held their yearly banquet and presentation of funds to many non-profits here on the island as well as scholarships. Last year during our 2023-2024 season, we gave away \$93,000.00 to 11 organizations and 11 scholarship applicants as well as monies to our Passthrough

Program and the Endowment fund both through FSW. This year, we beat those numbers! We gave away \$107,820.00 to 14 organizations, 14 scholarship applicants and funds to the Passthrough Program and Endowment fund. It was a great evening at the Island Pancake House with over 50 people in attendance for dinner and awards.

Donations were given to: Fort Myers Beach Public Library, Estero Island Historic Society, FMB MERTF, Keep Lee County Beautiful, Friends of Lovers Key, Bay Oaks Recreation, Ostego Bay Summer Camps, FMB Strong, Friends of Matanza Pass Preserve, Support for Sailing, The Mound House, Beach Kids Foundation, Estero Bay Buddies, FMB Art Association, FSW-Passthrough and FSW Endowment.

The outgoing Board of Director Members were then introduced. Members leaving the Board are: Suzy Krajewski- Director, Robin Nuccio- Secretary, Kelly Smith-Vice-President and Julie Fite-President. The incoming Board of Directors were then introduced and initiated in to office with a short and meaningful program. The 2025-2026 Board of Directors are: Joy Sullivan-Director, Jan Falkum-Director, Kathy Nash-Director, Ellen Vaughn-Director, Annie Lump-Treasurer, Patti Coleman-Secretary, Jane McCloskey and Amy Gillette-Co-Presidents. The evening was topped off by the announcement of the Star Award which went to Kelly Smith, outgoing Vice-President.

Everyone, please enjoy your summer and stay safe. We will see each other this fall and get the ball rolling once again. It's been my pleasure to represent this wonderful organization for the last two years as President. Thank you for your patience. We've got a great team stepping up to take us forward!

Take care, Julie

March Meeting

Cathy Turner from the Estero Island Garden Club was our guest speaker for the March Meeting. Membership Chair, Jane McCloskey also welcomed Mary Ellen Peters as a new member.



Casino Night

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Thank you to Alicia Steinhagen and her team for a great night! FMB Strong team were a big help as well. Our sponsors were fabulous! If you attended and would like a picture that was taken as you entered, email the Newsletter Editor, Kathy Nash at kmnash1@verizon.net. We have over 100 pictures of a very fun night!



April Social



Our last social of the spring was held at Snug Harbor.

Presentation of Funds





What an amazing group that received funds this year! We couldn't share every picture, however here are a few for you to see. Pictured individually with Julie Fite are Cletus Poser from the library, Jen Rusk from the town's MERFT committee, Tim Ryan from FMB Strong and Joanne Semmer from Ostego Bay. Also pictured are all of our scholarship teens who were able to attend, and one father (his daughter was taking finals).







Day Before Mother's Day Race

Thank you to Beach Talk Radio for holding the Day Before Mother's Day Race at Margaritaville. They generously presented us with a check for \$5,000!



April Dinner Meeting



Jane McCloskey welcomed new members Mary Rose Spalletta and Patricia Green.

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