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## Executive Board

### **2025-2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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## Presidents' Letter

Dear Members,

May has been an exciting month for the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation. As the weather warms and traffic eases, it is a time of both transition and immense accomplishment.

On April 30, we enjoyed a wonderful social event at Snug Harbor, despite some unexpected visits from local love bugs. Following this, we held our annual Night of Giving on Tuesday, May 5, at St. Raphael's Episcopal Church. It was a proud moment for our organization as we awarded \$75,000 in total funding. These grants supported 19 scholarships and an increased endowment at [FGCU/SFU], while also benefiting the following organizations:

- Estero Island Historic Society
- Keep Lee County Beautiful
- Friends of Lovers Key
- Bay Oaks Recreation Center
- Ostego Bay Summer Camps
- Sailing support programs
- The Mound House
- Beach Kids Foundation
- Estero Bay Buddies
- FMB Art Association
- FMB Chamber Foundation

Additionally, the foundation made several donations throughout the year to the VFW, Ronald McDonald House, CROW on Sanibel, and Friends of the Library. Our members also generously donated gift cards to Abuse Counseling and Treatment Inc. (ACT).

Our awards dinner, provided by Kevin Paradiso, featured a delicious Cinco de Mayo theme. During the evening, we recognized departing board members Jane McCloskey, Jan Falkum, and Joy Sullivan. We send a special farewell to Jane McCloskey as she begins a new chapter outside of Florida; she will be greatly

missed.

The Star Award, presented by the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation, was given to Kathy Nash. The award was voted on by the members of the foundation and recognized her exceptional contributions throughout the year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the event leaders, committees, and volunteers who made this year's event possible. The Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation would not be the same without your unwavering support and dedication.

We are pleased to welcome Janet Shobe, Kathy Dollins, and Fran Grier to the 2026-2027 Board of Directors. We also welcome Jacqueline Moeller as our newest member this month.

Happy birthday to our May celebrants:

- Patricia Green (May 7)
- Mary Clarke (May 9)
- Kimberly Granger (May 13)
- Donna Raymond (May 15)
- Susie Krajewski (May 20)
- Sherry Wilson (May 23)
- Pat Mayo (May 26)

Thank you for making this such a successful year of giving.

May social will be at Doc Ford's Rum bar and grille May 20 from 4-6. See you then.

Best regards,

Amy Gillette  
President, Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation

## Night of Giving





## May Social



Our May social will be held at Doc Fords on May 20th, from 4-6pm. Join the fun!

## Friends of the Library



Our own Jan Fleming and Kelly Smith spoke to us at our April Meeting about Friends of the Library.

## Casino Night







Casino Night at Margaritaville was awesome! If you did not attend, please put it on your calendar for next year. It was bright and cheery, had fabulous baskets, auction items and raffles. Our donors out did themselves this year. The games were fun, well paced and friendly. Oh, and the food, wow!



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