

FORT MYERS BEACH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

March 2019 Newsletter



MISSION STATEMENT

The Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation is a local organization dedicated to working cooperatively to improve the quality of life in Fort Myers Beach and surrounding communities.

Executive Board

President: Sheryl Bowman
Vice President: Corri Francisco
Secretary: Cindy Richardson
Treasurer: Cheryl Hohmann
Directors:
Mary Louise Bauman & Bobbi Kemp
Sandra Walker & Mary Lynn Alfieri
Alicia Steinhagen &
Suzy Krawajewski



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ladies of The Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation, We have definitely been marching alongside to the beat of the month of March!! The Shrimp Festival was fantastic. One could sense the crowd's excitement as they lined Estero Blvd, enjoying the Clydesdale horses, floats, music, candy and the weather.....all the makings of a great parade! I trust this finds each one of you looking forward to our meeting this Wednesday-March 20th. We will welcome Trish and Norman, with **Keep Lee County Beautiful**, as our guest speakers. They will inspire, educate, and engage us with the important tasks of beautifying and protecting our community. This year keeps marching along and at times you'd like for time to just hold still!!! So please make the point to carve out time to attend our March, April and May meetings. We have so much in store before the end of our year, we don't want you to miss out!!!! Happiness and blessings to you from the Board and I.
Sheryl Bowman, FMBCF President

Monthly Meeting at the Women's Club

Wednesday March 20th - 5:30pm
Dinner Catered by Tuckaway Cafe

Dinner

Stuffed Peppers
Almond green beans
Salad
Banana Pudding
Rolls
Coffee/tea

RSVP to Sandra Walker
by Noon on **Monday 3/18** Cost \$20
brokergpp@comcast.net

Feel free to bring an alcoholic beverage of your choice to the meeting.

In Case You Didn't Know...

Any member is welcome to attend a board meeting. If you have an interest in doing so, please contact Sheryl, fortmyersishome@gmail.com in advance.



BUTTERFLY GARDEN



Wednesday March 27th - 1:00 at Beach Elementary School. Contact Corri at **239-878-8580** if you would like to help.



March Birthdays

1 – Gail Crabtree-Pergoli
 6 – Mary Louise Bauman
 11 – Carrie Tidwell
 24 – Connie Stillwagon
 29 – Barb Mezeske

IMAGINARIUM & STEM NIGHT

This event at Beach Elementary School will be held on **Wednesday April 10th** and starts at 4:00. The event will be open to all students and their families. We need 20 FMBCF volunteers. More details will be available as the date approaches. Please contact Corri Francisco at **239-878-8580** or itscorri@msn.com if you are interested in helping.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

9th Shrimp Festival Parade - meet at School & Bay St. - 8:00
11th: Executive Board Meeting at Sheryl's – 5:30
16th: St. Patrick's Day Parade – meet at Santini Plaza – 8:00
20th: Monthly Meeting at the Women's Club – 5:30
27th: Happy Hour – Outrigger - 5:30

April

4th: Executive Board Meeting at Sheryl's – 5:30
6th: Fashion Show – at South Beach Grille - 11:00
10th: Butterfly Garden at Beach Elementary School – 1:00
10th: STEM Night – at Beach Elementary School – 4:00
13th: Beach Clean Up at Beach Elementary School – 8:00
17th: Monthly Meeting at the Women's Club – 5:30
24th: Happy Hour at Outrigger – 5:30

PARADES



Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Shrimp Festival Parade** -- the Flamingo's, the walker's, the candy distributors (you gave out 4,500 pieces of candy), the riders, the bucket filler's & those of you that cheered us on. Our music medley was better than ever & our loud speaker system put together by Wayne, Terry, Jack, Steve B & Steve N. was outstanding! We were a "hit" as usual and the crowd loved us!



Remember, we have the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on **Saturday March 16th** at 10:00 a.m. Please get to Santini Plaza around 9:00 to help decorate the float which will be playing our own Irish music. Please wear anything green & gold. The parade starts at Santini Plaza and follows Estero Blvd. to the Church of Ascension. Unless you spot a car at the Church of Ascension, you will have to walk back to Santini Plaza.

It's time to pass the baton to another great leader who will step in to fill Barb's shoes. Barb has a complete notebook with all the detailed information. Call Barb with any questions and please let the board know if you're willing to step up. Thanks Barb, for doing such an outstanding job with the parades for so many years.



Proposed Executive Board for 2019-2020

The names below represent the proposed Officers and Directors for the 2019-2020 FMBCF year.

OFFICERS:

President: Sheryl Bowman
 Vice President: Corri Francisco
 Secretary: Cindy Richardson
 Treasurer: Cheryl Hohmann

DIRECTORS:

Bobbi Kemp and Kelly Smith
 Mary Lynn Alfieri and Alicia Steinhagen
 Suzy Krajewski and Nancy Bouchard



Happy Hour

Join us at the Outrigger on **Wednesday March 24th** at 5:30.

FASHION SHOW

LET'S FLAMINGLE at South Beach Grille on **Saturday April 6th** at 11:00.

Contact Co-chairs Tammy Garro **239-989-1213**, Victoria Leopold **941-356-0497**, or Deb Schermerhorn **202-247-7981**, for more information or to volunteer for a committee. Theme baskets for the Basket Raffle, items that can be used as door prizes, gift cards, and donations for the lottery wreath (tickets or cash) are being accepted. All baskets should be submitted wrapped and ready to go, along with a list of contents.

TICKETS HAVE SOLD OUT

FASHION FLAMINGLE



BEACH CLEAN-UP

Mark your calendars for **Saturday April 13th** for the *Great American Clean Up*. Check-in begins at 8:00 at Beach Elementary School. Please contact Corri at **239-878-8580** if you would like to volunteer. There are 2 shifts available, 8-10 & 10-12.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY NIGHT FOR ACT

Join us on **Wednesday May 1st** at 5:30 at the Waterside II social room to assemble gift bags for moms in the ACT program. Please collect sample/travel sized cosmetics and personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, etc., for this project. ***Hair Conditioner is NOT NEEDED at this time.*** Please contact Shelley Sue Williams at **516-381-3518** if you plan to attend. She needs to know in advance so names can be given to the gate attendant. Please bring an appetizer to share. Wine and soda will be provided.



Note: This is a different Waterside building than the one we have used in the past. Waterside II is located at 4191 Bay Beach Lane, Fort Myers Beach. Once you are through the gate, WSII is the 1st white building on the left just past the pool. The parking lot is just past the front entrance circle on the left. There is a set of outdoor stairs to the entrance to the social room.

MEMBERSHIP DUES



Payment of membership dues for next year is now being accepted. Please give your \$50 payment to Cheryl Hohmann at the March, April or May meeting if possible. Payments can also be mailed to FMBCF - PO Box 2384 - Ft Myers Beach, FL 33932 by the **June 1st** deadline.

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Need more information? Check our website <http://www.fortmyersbeachcf.com>