PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Dear ladies of the FMBCF,
Pease, Love and Joy…our community ‘Woodstock’ vibe was felt and enjoyed by all! What a wonderful evening. If you missed it, peace, we’re all cool with that, but please don’t miss our Flower Power Fashion Show – March 21st, where we will chill while raising monies for our community.

Ladies, it’s the month of LOVE. Please be sure to read this newsletter for there are many opportunities to engage yourself within our community and spread the love. During our February meeting, we will welcome our first time guest speaker from “Life Line Crisis Center”. We will have updates from our Pub N Crawl and Drag Queen Bingo fundraisers!!! Yes, we have a field trip planned!!! It’s not till April 1st, so mark your calendar. More details with a sign-up sheet will be at the meeting. I, along with the board, look forward to seeing each of you on the 19th – where you will be asked to find your heart-match. Thank you ladies for your commitment to the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation, where your time and connection within the community plants seeds of peace, love and joy.

In peace,
Sheryl Bowman, FMBCF President

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

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Monthly Meeting at the Women’s Club

Wednesday February 19th - 6:00 pm
Dinner Catered by Tuckaway Cafe

Dinner
BBQ Brisket
Orange and White Potato Casserole
Parmesan Corn Medley
Fresh Tomato Cucumber Salad
Rolls
Fruit Cobbler
Tea and Coffee

RSVP to Jan Fleming by Noon on Monday 2/17
Cost $20
objanice6@aol.com

Feel free to bring an alcoholic beverage of your choice to the meeting.
Mark your calendars for **Saturday April 25th** for the **Great American Clean Up**. Check-in begins at 8:00 at Beach Elementary School. Please contact Linda Eroh at **610-716-9138** if you would like to volunteer. There are 2 shifts available, 8-10 & 10-12.

**Happy Hour**
Join us at the Outrigger on **Wednesday February 26th** at 5:30.

**ACT GIFT BAGS**
Please bring sample toiletry items - shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, feminine hygiene needs, lotion, soap, makeup samples, etc... Ask a friend or neighbor to donate or participate as well! We will meet on Monday, February 10 at 5pm in the Social Room at Waterside 2, located at 4191 Bay Beach Lane, Fort Myers Beach. Please RSVP to Shelley Sue Williams at consultsw@aol.com, as she will need to leave your name at the Waterside gatehouse. Please bring a drink & snack to share.

**SCHOLARSHIPS/FSW FIELD TRIP**
It is beginning to look a lot like Scholarship Season. I see our wonderful poster many places I go. I am hoping that they are also prominent in every Church, Bay Oaks, the Library, City Hall, etc. Tell people our money is available to ALL who want to get their GED, start or finish a diploma or degree as well as college bound teenagers. Put it in your church bulletin and discuss it at other clubs you belong to. The Community Foundation needs to be a source of information for people who are looking to improve their lives through education.

We will be a Field Trip to FSW the morning of Wednesday **April 1st**, followed by a lunch at the university. Meeting place, time and more details will be announced at the Feb membership meeting, along with a sign-up sheet. This trip will help explain the scholarship program our foundation would like to support. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to be part of this new venture.

If you have any questions email them to me, mibauman944@gmail.com and I will find the answer. All information is available on our web site. The application deadline is **March 1st**.
PARADES
As you all know, the SHRIMP PARADE is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th. We will meet at the School & Bay Street site at 8:30 a.m. to have some beverages, a snack, get our parade gear on, and decorate the trailer. It will be “all hands on deck” to get the trailer decorated & buckets filled before the parade starts at 10:00 a.m. We always love to see other FMBCF members cheering us along on the parade route. Look for the famous pink flamingos.

Don't forget, the Matanza Bridge will be closed at 9:00 a.m. the morning of the 8th!

NOTE: The St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held on Monday March 16th this year due to voting the following day. Meet at Santini Plaza at 8:30 to start the festivities. Leprechauns, candy distributors, banner carriers and other walkers are all encouraged to participate.

If you have not signed up and wish to participate in either of these fun events, please contact Jan Falkum at 507-829-0443 or at janfalkum@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISER
COOL & GROOVY describe the fun we had at our annual fundraiser gala. Special thanks to Janeen Paulauskis, owner of Barefoot Event Group, for voluntarily organizing this event and all members involved with making the night a success. People enjoyed fun decorations, good music, food, dancing, raffles & auctions. Final numbers are still being calculated.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN
Join us at Beach Elementary School on Wednesday February 12th at 1:00.
Contact Linda Sanford at 401-742-3487 if you would like to help.

REQUESTS FROM LOCAL CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
A big part of our mission is to support and improve the quality of life in the Ft Myers Beach community. We work hard raising funds to distribute to local charities that serve the area. If you know of a local charitable organization in need of additional funding please encourage them to submit a formal written request to us. These requests must be received before our March 1st deadline in order to be considered. Recipients will be honored at our Awards Night ceremony in May.
SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS
The Board for next year is coming together 😊 A few positions remain open as opportunities for you..... Have you been thinking 😊
Please contact Sheryl at 239-478-3897 or fortmyersishome@gmail.com with any questions.

THANK YOU
Pub n Crawl and Drag Queen Bingo were great successes for our foundation!!!
This is an exciting year to help those in need!!! Thank you to Kelly Smith, Robin Bush, Suzy Karjewski, for their outstanding efforts!

FASHION SHOW
The Flower Power theme is carrying over from the Woodstock themed gala. Power up ladies, we need your baskets for the raffle. Go in together with friends or create your own individual baskets. A sign-up sheet for your theme baskets will be at Feb meeting. The Fashion Show is scheduled for Saturday March 21st at South Beach Grille from 11:00-2:00. Please contact Suzy Krajewski at suzk1@comcast.net if you would like to be on the committee.

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