A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Ladies of the FMBCF,

What do the Golden Arches and you have in common? You both have the opportunity to be together at our March meeting!!! Now, how Lucky can we be!! See that was easy to tie into March!!!! We will extend a hand of welcome to our guest speaker, a spokesperson from, The Ronald McDonald House! This time of year, brings such excitement, along with an awareness that soon our year will be coming to a close and our mission to help others in our community will be upon us! Our March meeting will provide a very good look at how much monies we have raised, and then ladies we will begin with the process determining where those monies will be sown. Over the next few months we need your input, we need your support. This has been a fantastic year, with much to celebrate!!! I just realized we get to see one another many times this month!!! So, how Lucky can we be-very!!!!! Sincerely,

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.
FSW FIELD TRIP
We are having a Field Trip to FSW at 10am on Wednesday April 1st, followed by a lunch at the university. This trip will help explain the scholarship /endowment program our foundation would like to support at FSW. Contact Mary Louise Bauman at mlbauman944@gmail.com if you would like to go or have any questions.

PARADES
As you all know, the SHRIMP FESTIVAL 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 & decorate our trailer. Leprechauns, candy distributors, banner carriers and other walkers are all encouraged to participate. Wear anything green & gold. The parade ends at the Church of Ascension. Unless you spot a car at the church, you will have to walk back to Santini Plaza.

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.
**AWARDS NIGHT**
Mark your calendar for Wednesday May 13th. The celebration will be held at the Mound House at 6:00.

**FASHION SHOW**
The Flower Power theme continues at our Fashion Show fundraiser. It will be held at South Beach Grille on Saturday March 21st from 11:00 – 2:00. Tickets are SOLD OUT.

The deadline for submitting baskets is Wednesday March 18th. Baskets for the Chinese auction can either be dropped off to Susan Krajewski at her salon, One Flight Up in the Key Estero Plaza, Monday-Saturday or brought to the meeting on March 18. Susan's contact # for baskets is **239-849-3999**. They should include a list of contents and be wrapped. Contact Co-chairs Suzy Krajewski at **239-849-3999** or suzk1@comcast.net or Susan Todd at **574-529-1854** for more information.

**BEACH CLEAN-UP**
Mark your calendars for Saturday April 25th for the Keep Lee County Beautiful beach 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.

**The Nancy Mulholland STAR Award**
Now is the time to recognize a member that has shined throughout the past year. Someone that has been very supportive of our foundation with her time, efforts and support. Please send your nomination to Jan Fleming, Membership Chairwoman, by May 1st. This member will be recognized at our May meeting along with the new board induction.

**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.

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