

FORT MYERS BEACH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

October 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.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Ladies,

Okay, I'm saying this again..."It's not where we are coming from, that causes us to walk this path together, it's where we're going"...and believe it or not, we are off to another new year! I trust you all are healthy, happy and full of wonderful adventures from the summer. Each one of you are so very important, with so much to accomplish this year, I trust you're all ready to go!!! October's meeting will find us enjoying our guest speaker on her own grounds, Alison Gleason, from THE MOUND HOUSE. She will be sure to delight and inspire, while the history surrounding us sparks our imaginations! Please note our meeting location is at THE MOUND HOUSE. We will resume meetings at The Womens Club for the November and December meetings. Please mark your calendars with the upcoming events in this newsletter.

Ladies with a new year comes a few new adjustments....this year we will RSVP our dinner and attendance to Jan Fleming - objanice6@aol.com.

We thank you Sandra for your patience and care with each of us for the past few years 🍁

It's always a little exciting as we venture into a new year. I look forward to catching up with each one of you as we all extend many hugs. Thank you so much for your continued support and care for this 7 mile island, that beckons us to make life a little better for everyone.

Blessings,

Sheryl Bowman, FMBCF President

Monthly Meeting at The Mound House

Wednesday October 16 at 5:30
Dinner Catered by Tuckaway Cafe

Classic meatloaf and a vegetarian loaf option
Baked Mac and cheese
Honey roasted carrots
Green salad
Rolls
Pumpkin Magic Cake
Coffee
Tea

RSVP to Jan Fleming
by Noon on **Monday 10/14** Cost \$20
objanice6@aol.com

Guest Speaker Alison Gleason



HAPPY HOUR

Join us at the Outrigger on **Wednesday Oct 23rd** at 5:30 under the big tiki hut. Contact Connie Stillwagon at [630-399-2122](tel:630-399-2122) with any questions.

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. They are held the 1st Thursday of the month at her home.





October Birthdays

- 1 – Joan Beutler
- 4 - Georgia Shakti-Hill
- 8 – Victoria Leopold
- 9 – Marianne Lacey
- 12 – Cheryl O’Connell
- 14 – Diane Butcher
- 18 – Janice Bishop
- 28 - Mary Lynn Alfieri

KEEP LEE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL held an International Coastal Clean Up on **Saturday Sept 21st**. FMBCF set up at Beach Elementary School for participants to sign in, obtain trash bags & gloves and return their collected items for weigh in. Thanks to the members that participated. Some strange items including a curly black hair wig, a tire, a marine battery and a turtle hatchling were collected as part of the 462 lbs. The hatchling was alive so Turtle Time was contacted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 2:** Monofilament Madness at Mound House 11-3
- Nov 7:** Board Meeting at Sheryl’s 5:30
- Nov 13:** STEM Night at Beach Elementary 4:00
- Nov 20:** Butterfly Garden at Beach Elementary School 1:00
- Nov 20:** Monthly Meeting at the Women’s Club 5:30

NOTE: November’s Happy Hour date TBD



Keep Lee County Beautiful is also sponsoring the ROAR Offshore Beach Patrol & Cleanup. This will be held at Lynn Hall Memorial Park on **Saturday Oct 12th** from 11-5 and **Sunday Oct 13th** from 8-11am. The ROAR powerboat racing takes place **Oct 11-Oct 13** and they are expecting 50,000-70,000 visitors for the event. Volunteers are needed to hand out trash bags to collect litter. Hydration stations will be set up in 3 areas of the beach for volunteers and they will also serve a free volunteer appreciation lunch. Dedicated parking for volunteers will be available at Chapel by the Sea and the Fort Myers Beach Chamber office. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aaaaa2ca4f49-roar> to register.



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

At Beach Elementary will be held on **Wednesday Oct 16th** at 1:00. Contact Corri at [239-878-858](tel:239-878-858) if you would like to learn more about this fun program with the kindergarten students.



MONOFILAMENT MADNESS – SATURDAY NOV 2nd at MOUND HOUSE

The KLCB Marine Cleanup is an annual event during which volunteers go out in boats, kayaks, canoes, jet skis and anything else that floats, to remove monofilament fishing line and other harmful debris from the mangrove areas of Lee County. Because of the focus on fishing line, the project committee has affectionately dubbed the cleanup “Monofilament Madness”. Our club provides volunteers on site to assist the boaters going out and coming back. If you have your own small boat, kayak or jet ski, you are also welcome to go out and help retrieve debris. Additional information will be available at the October membership meeting or from Lee Garner at lee1a121@yahoo.com.



STEM NIGHT

This event at Beach Elementary School will be held on **Wednesday Nov 13th at 4pm**. It will be open to all students and their families. A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting this month. If you will not be at the meeting but will be available to help, please contact Corri Francisco at [239-878-8580](tel:239-878-8580) or itscorri@msn.com.

Remember to wear your FMBCF shirts

