Dear Ladies,
The First Thanksgiving...
It was not what they planned. In September of 1620, 102 Pilgrims embarked from England aboard the Mayflower. Their “INTENT” was to establish a settlement in the Hudson River area. HOWEVER, and history unfolds……..I find myself wondering, when thinking of history, how hard was it for the Pilgrims not to let their circumstances, determine their quality of life.
As a foundation we find ourselves in positions of being able to help those whom circumstances are challenging. Our foundations motto has become “a promise,” to our community.
We are blessed to be a part of making life better for those on FMB. At times it can be weary and if we’re honest, feels like a burden-an added responsibility. That’s why each one of you are so important, we help one another.
May this Thanksgiving be full of blessing after blessings, and as we look around, be thankfully reminded of the quality of life that surrounds us.

Sincerely,
Sheryl – FMBCF President
THANK YOU to everyone that participated in the KEEP LEE COUNTY BEAUTIFUL Beach Clean Up and MONOFILAMENT MADNESS. Thousands of pounds of trash and debris were removed from the beach and Estero Bay. Once again, we had a great turn-out for both of these worthwhile causes.

**Calling All Members...**

You've heard it takes a village...well ladies, we need members to step up and serve as a group committee for our Ball Fundraiser on **Friday January 31, 2020**. The main areas of music, food, auctions, commentator and location have been taken care of. Would numerous members step up and oversee the remaining areas of theme, logo design, decorations and tickets? We can do this ladies!!! Proceeds from this fundraiser are needed support our scholarship fund and charitable donation efforts. Please contact Bobbi Kemp, **724-272-4910** with questions and to volunteer.

**Holiday Food Drive**

As our Thanksgiving Gift to the island we will collect non-perishable food items for the free island market at the Beach Baptist Church. Let’s help make Thanksgiving a day to celebrate for families in need. Have the heart of giving throughout the year. These are the items needed by Choice Market:

- Canned Vegetables
- Tuna
- Canned Beans – baked, pinto & black
- Diced Tomatoes
- Jelly
- Chips – various types
- Banana Peppers
- Mayo
- Hunts Spaghetti Sauce – 24oz traditional or meat
- Manwich Meals
- Salsa
- Barbeque Sauce
- Cake or Brownie Mixes
- Pasta
- Breakfast Bars

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Nov 19:** Exec Board Mtg at Sheryl’s – 5:30
- **Dec 6:** Exec Board Mtg at Sheryl’s - 5:30
- **Dec 11:** Monthly meeting at the Women’s Club – 5:30. This will be a Pot Luck with an evening of cheer & water painting
- **Dec 11:** Butterfly Garden at Beach Beach Elementary School - 1:00
- **TBD:** Happy Hour

**November Birthdays**

- **13** – Anne Byron
- **26** – Linda Sanford
- **27** – Jean Wahl
**Happy Hour**
Join us under the tiki hut at the Outrigger at 5:30.
*Nov & Dec dates TBD*

**Butterfly Garden**
Contact Corri, 239-878-8580 if you can help on **Wednesday Nov 20th at 1:00.** We meet at Beach Elementary School.

**STEM NIGHT**
This event at Beach Elementary School will be held on **Wednesday Nov 13th at 4:30 – 7:30** and is open to all students and their families. The theme this year is BE HEALTHY. If you have not already signed up but will be available to help, please contact Corri Francisco at 239-878-8580 or itscorri@msn.com. Please note that this will be the only STEM event for the school year.

*Remember to wear your FMBCF shirts*

**DRAG QUEEN BINGO FUNDRAISERS**
Join us for a new, fun twist on fundraising. Starting in **January 7th**, FMBCF will receive 50% of the Drag Queen Bingo proceeds on Tuesday nights. The possibility exists to also add some Fridays. This is open to everyone so grab your friends, neighbors & co-workers and head on over to the Nauti Parrot. We will need to supply prize items for the Bingo games. Please bring these donations to the Nov and Dec meetings. Contact Kelly Smith 574-527-6164 with questions. Details about time and cost will be available soon.

**Please join us in a celebration of life well lived by Carla Cranston**
We will gather to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry and remember our dear, wonderful Carla who is greatly missed by all.

**Saturday December 14th at 5:00pm**
4192 Bay Beach Lane - Fort Myers Beach
RSVP: debnelson913@hotmail.com

*A life so beautifully lived – deserves to be beautifully remembered.*

**Need more information? Check our website -** https://www.fortmyersbeachcf.com