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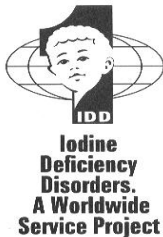
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KIWANIS CLUB OF COUNTRYSIDE, CLEARWATER meets every Tuesday at 7:30 am for Breakfast at EVE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, 3150 TAMPA RD (WOODLANDS SQUARE) OLDSMAR

Kiwanis Club of Countryside, Clearwater Newsletter
The View from Countryside
Post Office Box 1855
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The Carwise Middle School Builder's Club Faculty Advisors are seeking support from Countryside Kiwanis members for their Charter Ceremony on Thursday, May 29th, at 6:30 pm in their School Cafeteria. While we have supported three Key Clubs in the past, this is our first attempt to organize a Builder's Club. We need a strong turnout for this very special event. Please let Pres. Dick Luce know at our breakfast meeting this Tuesday that you want to be among those who will be on hand. It would be nice to have as many as six volunteers !!!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MIDNIGHT RUN ENVELOPE STUFFING AT DUNEDIN KIWANIS ON THURSDAY, MAY 29TH, 7:30 AM, AT DUNEDIN MEASE HOSPITAL !!!

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The Florida District  **Division 12**

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Calendar

UPCOMING KIWANIS EVENTS
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Tuesday, May 13



Regular Meeting
ADAM BIRDSALL
Visit St. Petersburg Clearwater Tourism

Tuesday, May 20



Regular Meeting
JANE MUHLIN
Hurricane Preparedness

Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 20
DICK LUCE residence
2976 Buxton Ct, Clwtr, 7pm

Monday, May 26



Memorial Day (observed)
(Banks and Post Office closed)

Tuesday, May 27



Regular Meeting
High School / Kiwanis Key Club
Scholarship Awards

Tuesday, June 3



Regular Meeting
STUART HARRIS
Pinellas County Citizen's University

JOHN ZUCKER
Community Relations Coordinator
Guardian ad Litem Program
Sixth Judicial Circuit



JOHN ZUCKER

JOHN ZUCKER was our breakfast meeting speaker last week, Tuesday, May 6. **JOHN** was very passionate about his position as Community Relations Coordinator for the Guardian ad Litem Program, "my job is to recruit for Guardian ad Litem and why is that important, well right here in Pinellas County every day in the courthouse we remove children from their homes because they have been abused and neglected or abandoned. It goes on every day. Right now in the county there are 2,500 children that have been removed from their home or are under court protection.

And of those 2,500 children, 1,000 of them do not have a Guardian ad Litem, so we need lots more people joining Guardian ad Litem. Currently in the county we have over 400 Guardian ad Litem. I could use 700. Now why is that important. When you go to court, over here you will see the state agency trying to reunite that family represented by an attorney. Over here you will have parents and even if destitute, they will be represented by an attorney. But there is nobody representing the best interests of that child unless there is a volunteer Guardian ad Litem.



Just one new Guardian will change just one child's life forever

The following from the website of the Guardian ad Litem, Sixth judicial Circuit, www.guardianadlitem.org is a summary of the main points of **JOHN's** comments: So what is a Guardian ad Litem (GAL)? Thousands of abused and neglected children become the subject of judicial proceedings each year in (see page 2)



DICK LUCE

THE MEETING LAST WEEK: 5/6 - Attendance, members 16, guests 1. President **DICK LUCE** chaired the meeting. Club raffle winner: 5/6 - **TOM DuLANEY**, 4/29 - **ELMER LUOMA**. Cash collections: 5/6 - Happy Dollar - \$9.00, Raffle - \$9.00.



Head Start "Step-Up" Programs (4-year olds graduate)

Clearwater Friday, May 16
Sanderlin Thursday, May 22
Isay Gulley Thursday, May 22

Last day of Head Start Spring Term is Friday, May 23rd. 3-year olds will receive children's books compliments of Goodwill Industries-Suncoast.

The graduates, the 4-year olds, will receive gifts and children's books, also compliments of Goodwill Industries-Suncoast.



Above are pictures of Past Pres. **SARAH BYARS** and Young Children-Priority One Cochair **MARION SPENGLER** addressing the 30 who attended the Semi-Annual Networking Function held at the Synovus Bank on Rt19 in Palm Harbor last Tuesday, May 6th. Vice President & Bank Manager **SARAH** reports that there was positive feedback from the other Kiwanis clubs and that the turnout was a huge success based also on the fact that 8 prospective members were also on hand. Also attending was Kiwanis 12th Division Lt. Gov. **LOU REMZ** representing the Kiwanis Clubs of Division 12.

Guardian ad Litem, continued

Florida through no fault of their own. Their voices often fall upon deaf ears, and their best interests may be overlooked in the often overburdened child welfare system and adversarial court process. The State of Florida Guardian ad Litem program trains and certifies citizens to represent the best interests of their assigned child(ren). The volunteer, working with the GAL team, advocates for the best interest and needs of the child before the court, as well as within the social service agencies. The GAL follows the child's progress throughout the duration of the case, monitoring the child's safety, well being and welfare, and advocating for permanency for children. That may involve working toward return to a safe and loving home or advocating for a permanent adoptive home.

UPCOMING KIWANIS EVENTS

Division 12 Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 21
Cypress Run Golf Club
2669 St Andrews Blvd, Tarpon Springs

Special Scholarship Awards Meeting
Tuesday, May 27
Attending will be Scholarship Award winners and parents

Kiwanis Convention 2008
Orlando, Florida
June 26 to 29, 2008

Florida District Convention
August 21-24, 2008
Jacksonville, Florida

Head Start

On Wednesday, May 7th, our Head Start readers were as follows:



Clearwater location;
ELMER LUOMA, MARION SPENGLER, CAROL THOMPSON, WILBUR VAN SCOIK, VERMETHA WALTERS and **MARION WARD**
Sanderlin Center:
The LUCES, DICK and JEN
Isay Gulley Center:
KAREN GREER, CHARLES FLOURNOY and **MARION SPENGLER**



EVERY MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO CUT AND SAVE 20 "CLEAN" PLASTIC GALLON JUGS TO BE STORED UNTIL JULY 3RD OR BROUGHT TO A BREAK-FAST MEETING PROPERLY TIED FOR EASY TRANSPORTATION.

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DIVISION 12 KIWANIS CLUBS

GREATER CLEARWATER COUNTRYSIDE CLEARWATER DUNEDIN St Matthias, 2751 Sunset Point Road, Clearwater TH 7:30 A
Eve's Family Rest, 3150 Tampa Rd (Woodlands Sq) Oldsmar TU 7:30 A
Mease Dunedin Hospital, 601 Main Street, Dunedin TH 7:30 A
GREATER WEST PASCO LARGO/MID PINELLAS PALM HARBOR Beef O'Brady's Restaurant, Route 19 and Floramar Ave TH 6:00 P
Largo Community Center, 54 - 4th Street, Largo FR 7:30 A
Tiffany's Restaurant, 35000 US 19 No., Palm Harbor TU 7:30 A
SAFETY HARBOR SPRINGTIME CITY TARPON SPRINGS Paradise Restaurant, 443 Main Street, Safety Harbor WE 7:30A
Long Center, 1501 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater TH 6:00F
Clubhouse at Cypress Run Golf Club, 2669 St. Andrews Blvd WE 6:30 P,1st&3rd

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STREET CLEANUP ELMER LUOMA and Others
PAUL B. STEPHENS KID'S DAY GLENN RUEDIGER
SENIOR OLYMPICS ELMER LUOMA
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