

Students at Capitol summit

Washington, D.C. (Date) – Immokalee student, Candace Perez and Mariela Vega received an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. along with 15 other Sun Life Rising Star students to take part in the third annual “Building a Grad Nation” Summit, the nation’s premier annual event focused on measuring progress in the nation’s efforts to increase high school graduation rates and close opportunity gaps for youth. General Colin Powell is the founding chairman of America’s Promise and Mrs. Alma Powell serves as Board Chair.

Sunday’s Youth Experience Pre-Conference sponsored by Sun Life, welcomed more than 75 students, ages 13-25, from across the country to examine the progress and remaining challenges in the nation’s effort to help more youth graduate high school with the skills necessary to succeed in college and career.

Mrs. Powell made a special appearance to meet the students as they participated in workshop sessions that helped the youth participants develop personal ac-

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Washington visitors

Immokalee Students Experience Trip of a Lifetime to Washington D.C. for America’s Promise Alliance’s “Building a Grad Nation Summit” Sun Life Rising Star Award students invited to the nation’s Capitol to serve as youth committee leaders at the nation’s premier annual event focused on improving high school graduation rates.

Leadership class visits Immokalee

Submitted by Rick Heers

Greater Naples Leadership Master Class XVII spent a whole day in Immokalee visiting many different sites, listened to a host of speakers and garnered a taste for many of the unique qualities of their neighbor in the northeastern corner of Collier County.

Led by Susan Glass, Ann Olson, Linda Ottenad and Tony Urick, the large group of 50 adults left Hodges University after a continental breakfast at Hodges University in Naples at 7 a.m., boarded a bus and went directly to Guadalupe Child Development Center.

There they spent the morning and lunch hour listening to many speakers who shared volumes of information on the background of Immokalee.

Emceed by Ann Olson, the group learned from Carlene Thisen, author of Immokalee’s Fields of

Hope—a pictorial view of Immokalee, Frank Massey, a long-time resident of Immokalee and Judy Weeks, historian and student of the Seminole Indians who shared about life in Immokalee from a resident’s viewpoint.

Other morning speakers included Toby Purse, Lipman Family Companies’ director of human resources, Gerardo Reyes-Chavez, a Coalition of Immokalee Workers member, Cecil Howell, operator of H & R Farms—a life-long resident of Immokalee and graduate of its school system who shared the challenges of operating a small scale agricultural business employing migrant farm workers on a daily basis, and a representative of Collier Enterprises who shared the operations of the Collier Farm Industry. Educational speakers who rounded



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Fifty members of the Greater Naples Leadership Master Class got a good look at all Immokalee has to offer recently.

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Students First

by Maribel De Armas

A neighborhood rooster's cock-a-doodle-doo signaled the beginning of the school day this past Saturday at Pinecrest Elementary School. Yes I said "Saturday." Pinecrest is one of the 23 Collier County Public Schools hosting "Saturdays for Success Academies." About 3,000 students district-wide are attending Saturday classes each week.



Our Title I schools, those with a high concentration of economically needy students, were chosen to take part in the academy program. The elementary students invited to attend are in need of help with the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and the high school students attending are in need of help passing end-of-course exams, FCAT, the ACT, or in some cases Advanced Placement exams. Students who were in class this past Saturday will return for four more Saturdays over the course of the next few weeks. So the rooster was saying "good morning" to the students arriving by bus at Pinecrest. They were also being welcomed personally by Principal Karey Stewart. The best part is the students were all smiles, happy to be coming to school on a Saturday no less.

Principal Stewart played the role of pied piper, leading the students into the cafeteria for breakfast and a song, a rap number

in fact. Please rap along with me: "Even though it's Saturday I'm here to do my best, I know that it's up to me to work hard before I rest. I'll listen to my teachers and make my family proud, with all of my new knowledge I'll stand out from the crowd. Go Eagles!" And go they did; off to class being led this time by each of their happy teachers.

In the classrooms the focus was on writing, math, and science. "Essential questions" were displayed in each classroom, higher level questions. In the writing classes the students were reading passages and determining essential questions such as "What supports an idea?" In math classes, students were doing multiplication and division. In science, they were focused on substances and physical properties.

No matter the lesson, the students were involved, enthusiastic, and happily engaged and their teachers were, too – totally! Everyone wanted to be there. Students were eagerly raising their hands to answer questions and practically jumping out of their seats when called upon to come up to the white board in the front of the room to point something out.

And are the "Saturdays for Success Academies" working? Are they making a difference? A 6th grader at Pinecrest put it best when she said that "going to school on Saturday has really helped me. I am thankful for the opportunity." I'll bet that every student attending would echo that comment.

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out the morning sessions included Barbara Oppenheim, President of Guadalupe Center who shared the importance of early childhood education including the use of local students as tutors, Barbara Mainster, Executive Director of Redlands Christian Migrant Association who explained their educational programs including their elementary tutoring program and charter school, and Marianne Kearns, Executive Director of PACE Center for Girls—a very successful educational option for at-risk teenage girls, and finally, Richard Kent, Guidance Counselor at Immokalee High School, along with four IHS students.

Following a typical Hispanic lunch provided by Lozano's Mexican American Restaurant in which several children and mentors from Guadalupe's Tutor Corps and Immokalee High discussed living and learning in Immokalee with individual participants.

Following lunch the group was taken on a guided tour bus view of Immokalee by I HOPE's recently retired director, Rick Heers.

In addition to viewing a large variety of housing by the non-profit and for profit segment of Immokalee, the group disembarked at Horizon Village, a single men's migrant housing facility operated by Collier Health Services.

They were able to view some greatly improved housing offered through Collier Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, Immokalee Non-Profit Housing, the Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida, and I HOPE.

Arriving at the pride of Immokalee, the state-of-the-art, and arguably the finest vocational-technical center-ITECH, the GNL group listed to a panel discussing housing issues in Immokalee led by Susan Golden, Executive Director of Immokalee Non-Profit Housing, Esmeralda Serrata, Executive Director of Collier Housing Authority, and Rick Heers.

Two speakers—Steven Weinman, COO of Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida (formerly Collier Health Services) who presented healthcare services for the Immokalee migrant community, and

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tion plans to take back to their communities. The Rising Star students also received a special tour of the nation's capital and will participate in a post-summit follow-up session.

During the Summit, youth participants connected with hundreds of educators, policymakers, business leaders and community organizers attending from around the country, empowering them to contribute ideas, voices and solutions for increasing high school, graduation rates.

Rising Stars Award student scholarship winners each received a \$5,000 college scholarship for their commitment to education and their communities.

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Raising awareness of tobacco use

Collier — Tobacco products like chew, dip and snuff are not harmless. But because they're smokeless, youth and adults may underestimate the serious health risks associated with these products.

To help raise awareness about the dangers of smokeless tobacco, Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) and the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida will observe "Through With Chew" Week from Feb. 17-23.

Collier County SWAT youth will be distributing green ribbons along with smokeless tobacco fact cards to their school peers for "Through with Chew" Week. The ribbon is designed to raise awareness of the death and disease caused by smokeless tobacco products. Public Service Announcements will also be made on school morning announcements to educate students and teachers on the dangers associated with smokeless tobacco.

"Youth and young adults may think that spit tobacco is safer than cigarettes because it comes in sweet flavors such as cherry, peach and apple" said Andrea Sparano, SWAT Coordinator at the Collier County Health Department. "The truth is that spit tobacco contains 28 cancer causing chemicals, and a 30 minute chew has the same amount of nicotine as 3 to 4 cigarettes."

Health Risks

Constant exposure to tobacco juices from these smokeless products can cause oral cancers, which can form within just five years of regular use, and can cause cancer of the esophagus, pharynx, larynx, stomach and pancreas. Smokeless tobacco use can increase the risk of oral cancers by 80 percent and the risk of pancreatic and esophageal cancer by 60 percent, according to a 2008 study from the World Health Organization (WHO) International Agency for Research on Cancer.

Aside from the increased risk of cancer, using smokeless tobacco can increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. It can lead to other oral problems such as mouth sores, gum recession, tooth decay, and permanent discoloration of teeth.

Smokeless tobacco use can also increase the risk of reproductive health problems such as reduced sperm count and abnormal sperm cells for men. Women who use smokeless tobacco may be at an increased risk of preeclampsia (a condition that may include high blood pressure, fluid retention,

and swelling), premature birth, and low birth weight. [

Addiction

Like cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products contain nicotine, a highly addictive and dangerous chemical. Smokeless tobacco users and cigarette smokers have comparable levels of nicotine in the blood, according to the National Cancer Institute.

"Some youth may mistakenly believe that when they start smoking or use any tobacco product, they are able to quit very easily," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "This type of addiction is very hard to break, and the health risks are extremely high for any tobacco product."

Tobacco Free Florida has three ways to help smokeless tobacco users quit. Those who want to quit can double their chances at success by using one of these free and convenient quit services. For more information, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com.

For more information on smokeless tobacco, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com/smokelesstobacco.

ABOUT THROUGH WITH CHEW WEEK

This national annual health observance was established by the American Academy of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery as an educational campaign designed to prevent and reduce the use of smokeless tobacco. Through With Chew Week is now recognized by public health groups across the country. The week includes the Great American Spit Out on Thursday, Feb. 21, which encourages smokeless tobacco users to plan in advance to quit using smokeless tobacco that day, or to use the day to make a plan to quit.

ABOUT TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA

DOH's Tobacco Free Florida campaign is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund.

Tobacco users interested in quitting are encouraged to use one of the state's three ways to quit. To learn about Tobacco Free Florida and the state's free quit resources, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com or follow the campaign on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida or Twitter at www.twitter.com/tobaccofreefla.

DOH works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Looking for participation in the Ninth Migrant Expo

Organizations wishing to participate in the Ninth Migrant Annual Expo should register now. The expo is to take place Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Collier County Health Department, 419 North 1st Street in Immokalee.

This event provides information to the Immokalee community about locally available social and support services, educational/vocational opportunities and health services and screenings. You will need to bring your own display table and

chairs for attending staff members.

They will set up on the outside space between the Library and Health Department.

To register your agency for participation, please send your agency name, contact name, phone and e-mail address and submit them by February 28 to: Collier County Health Department, Attn: Elia Martinez, Phone: (239) 252-7332, Fax: (239) 252-7329m E-mail: Elia_Martinez2@doh.state.fl.us.

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Team Beta was selling rosaries and luminaries.

Relay for life block party

We had a great event involving multiple relay teams to help not only raise money and build awareness but also incorporated a little family fun, too.

There was a total of eight teams out raising money through their own creative ideas.

Team Beta was selling rosaries and luminaries.

Team Lipman was selling fresh produce.

Team Jump Start had freshly cooked sweet corn with toppings.

Lake Trafford had a swap meet style sale.

Winn-Dixie offered hamburgers and hot dogs along with a bike raffle.

Immokalee Fire Department was selling baked goods and had a bounce house for the children.

Along with the team fund raising, Desiree Alvarado rented spaces to a few local vendors for \$20 a piece that generated an extra \$100 for the cause.

Our event was held in the Winn Dixie parking lot from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and generated a little over \$1,500 in total. The money was disbursed between the teams involved.

Along with the money raised it gave the community a little excitement and education as to what the real for life really is - a community fundraiser to fight cancer.



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Team Lipman was selling fresh produce.

Collier County Road Watch

Intersections countywide: Construction project: Crews are replacing hanger systems for traffic signals at intersections. Night-time/overnight work scheduled from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting, and depending on location will require short duration lane closures (about one hour). As some intersections, traffic signals may operate in "flash mode" (flashing yellow for the main street/ flashing red for side streets). Drivers should expect some delays. Law enforcement also will be on site to direct traffic if work requires temporary suspension of power to signal. Crews will complete one intersection (possibly two or more) each night and plan to work seven nights/week. Intersections next on the schedule are: SR 29 and Farm Workers Village, Immokalee Drive, and CR 890/Trafford Road (this order is not necessarily sequential). Project completion is estimated by late spring 2013, weather permitting. The contractor is American Lighting & Signalization, Inc.

Crayton Road From Oleander Drive to south of Banyan Boulevard: Construction project: Work consists of sidewalk construction, drainage improvements and signing and pavement marking. Construction work is underway from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and possible lane closures can be expected, weather permitting. Motorists are advised to use caution and watch for construction workers in the construction zone. Project completion is estimated by early 2013. The Contractor is Astaldi Construction Corporation.

I-75 at the SR 951/Collier Boulevard interchange: Construction project: Crews are making improvements to interchange ramps, adding new mast arm signals, and placing new pavement markings and signs. Activities involve placement of base material, paving of road and shoulder widening; sign and signalization installation at the northbound and southbound off ramps, and the northbound on ramp (off the roadway). The traveling public should only expect minor delays as construction equipment is entering and leaving the roadway to move about the jobsite. Completion is estimated for early 2013. The contractor is APAC Southeast.

US 41 from State Road 29 to the Dade County Line (approximately thirty-two miles): Construction project: This project is widening the roadway shoulders from two to four feet and replaces curb, guardrail and railing on 41 bridges. Work also includes paving side street connections and installing pavement markings. Weather permitting, crews will continue

widening and paving the shoulders, placing sod at the edge of the new asphalt, and installing concrete curb, railing and guard rail at the bridges. Activities are planned for daytime, Monday through Friday. Drivers will encounter two lane closures along the project. Motorists are advised to observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, obey flagging operations and drive with caution in the construction zone. Completion is estimated for spring 2014. The contractor is Wright Construction Group.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard from west of Radio Road to Santa Barbara Boulevard: Construction project: Crews are expanding the road to six lanes, adding sidewalk, bike lanes, and street lights, and building a noise wall. Crews have constructed temporary eastbound traffic lanes allowing for the new roadway to be constructed. This traffic configuration is expected to be in effect through spring 2013. Crews will continue placing embankment along the north roadway and installing drainage structures in the median areas at the west end of the project near Santa Barbara Boulevard. There will be intermittent lane closures during these activities. Crews will also continue with the installation of the noise wall in front of the Madison Park community. Drainage installation at the entrance/exit of Madison Park to Davis Boulevard began on February 4th, and was completed on February 15th. The entrance/exit at Madison Park has been re-opened. Project completion is estimated by end of 2013, weather permitting. The contractor is Guymann Construction.

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Dale said he and his wife, Brenda, decided to open the Immokalee office when they saw the opportunity here.

Getting the office up and running has been a "long haul," said franchise owner Dale Dempster. He and his wife, Brenda, run both offices. They are located at 1320 N. 15th Street, next to the CRA office, and in Naples at 1246 Airport-Pulling Road.

Taxes are a year-round business for the Dempsters.

There's always a deadline looming during the tax year, but a good tax professional works "all day half the night to process" their clients' returns.

Their first season falls from January 1-Feb. 15, then from February 16-April 8 they are slowly compiling information. Then things peak again in 7-8 days.

A second season peaks from June 1-August 15 for corporate investors.

From September to October extensions must be done. It's pretty much non stop pressure for those who help the rest of us with our taxes.

The handle taxes and bookkeeping for individuals, do business returns, corporate partnerships, trusts and tax exempt organizations.

They are also getting into QuickBooks shortly. A plan to plan to teach licensed tax returns is on hold.

In addition to taxes, the Dempsters handle bookkeeping duties for local businesses.

Dale also explains that he can speak on behalf of his clients at IRS, although he cannot represent client in tax court.

Currently, Liberty Tax has ten preparers

in both offices. The offices are open seven days a week

Liberty Tax in Immokalee is a franchise.

Dale started doing taxes at age 16. He said he always good with numbers and his grandfather used to say he'd grow up to be an accountant.

He warns people that there are a lot of gray areas in the tax laws, and he has the training and experience to help them find their way through. He added that often small businesses don't realize how much a good accountant can help them expand their business.

The tax business, he said, "is always challenging to me." He added that he has clients all over the world - in Europe, Panama, Canada. When clients are happy with your work, they will look you up wherever they may go.

He said that experience, a good understand of the law and honesty are very important in his work.

He promises to "get the client the largest refund they can under the law and keep them in compliance."

Keeping up with the latest laws and changes is very important for a tax business. Every year training begins in August for employees.

New people take a ten week course. There are also eight week, six week and one week courses depending on the employee's experience level.

The Dempsters are community minded. In fact, they do free tax returns in appreciation for people in our community that provide a valuable service.

Brenda explains that theirs is the most locally run tax service in Immokalee and provide year-round service. They are available, she said, and train and hire locally.

You can call Liberty Tax in Immokalee at 239-867-4581 or 239-304-8506 in Naples.

Rotarians learn about special tax credits

by Richard Rice

Bill Walsh, VP/Manager of the Naples Auto Donation Center, gave Rotarians some insight as to how they might get some IRS tax credit by donating an automobile to the agency during the meeting on February 13th.

"Donating your car is fast, free, and easy, Walsh said, and you're protected when you donate to NADC, as the law prohibits non-profit organizations from accepting donations unless the non-profit is a licensed auto dealer."

Naples Auto Donation Center is a 501 (C-3) non-profit organization and a licensed, bonded, and insured auto dealer in the State of Florida, said Walsh.

NADC will accept any auto you may wish to donate, regardless of its condition, and shares the net revenue with the charity of your choice, he said.

Our portion of the net revenue is earmarked and goes to the Friends of Foster Children (FFC), a non-profit that provides services, activities, and necessities to Collier County children in the dependency/foster care system who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, abandonment, or neglect. FFC does for these youngsters what the State of Florida does not do, said Walsh.

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The evening, designed for current 8th grade students/families, will begin in the school's dining room, located in the center of campus.

After a brief overview, guests will take a tour of the campus in small groups, guided by staff and current LWTHS students.

After the tour, refreshments will be available in the lobby while students and parents have the opportunity to learn more and ask additional questions.

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- Architectural & Mechanical Drafting

The application deadline for the 2013-14 school year is Friday, March 15, and students will be notified of their status by April 15.

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Community Briefs

Masons plan open house

The members of LaBelle Masonic Lodge #379, F&AM, invite area adults to an Open House, Saturday, March 2, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn more about Freemasonry and its appendent bodies. There will be tours of the Lodge Room, applications, fellowship, and refreshments. The Lodge is located at 180 JayCee-Lions Drive, off Main Street just north of the LaBelle Winn-Dixie.

Democrats to hold annual fund-raising BBQ

The Collier County Democratic Party will hold their Annual Barbeque this Sunday, March 3, from 1:30-4 p.m. at Etudes De Ballet located at 3285 Pine Ridge Road, Naples. Special guest and featured speaker will be Allison Tant, newly elected Chairwoman of the Florida Democratic Party. The festivities will include Herb Small's famous barbeque pork and chicken with all the fixin's, home made desserts and entertainment by Little Eddie & Fat Fingers, The Bean Pickers, and Capn' Jack.

Tickets are \$25 each and are limited to the first 250 sold. To order your tickets on line, go to collierdems.com, and click on "purchase tickets". For more information, call Democratic Headquarters at (239) 434-7754.

Support Little League

Come join us on our opening day ceremonies. We will be having tee ball games and up to 13-16 year olds playing. Come on out and support your kids and the community for great celebration. We will be having the concession stand open for business. Come out and join us for some great games and fun.

Revival

You are cordially invited to worship with us during the 2013 Breaking Bread - Men of Distinction revival continus till March 1. Guest Evangelist is Dr. Leon Williams, Pastor/Teacher with Unity Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Naples. Originally from Immokalee, Dr. Williams is coming to "preach the Word" and give back what God has entrusted in him. Service will be held nightly at 7 p.m., House of Prayer, 401 S. 2nd Street.

You don't want to miss this worship, praise and outpouring of the Word services. All are welcomed. Come out and help us lift Him up.

Encore!

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce is providing another opportunity for the businesses of the South Side to offer the public delicious Foods, Beverages, Arts & Crafts and Live Music at this upcoming "Caribbean Taster."

So, it's time for another Block Party!
When: March 2, 2013 starting 12 noon to 10 p.m.

Where: 2nd to 3rd Boston Avenue, Immokalee

What: "Caribbean Taster-Immokalee Block Party"

Please call our Immokalee Chamber of Commerce@ 239-657-3237 for additional information about this event.

Become a nail technician

If you're interested in becoming a nail technician, iTECH is beginning a new 240-hour program to earn your specialty license for nails in only 17 1/2 weeks. Class times: Monday, Wednesday 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Cost \$1,700 Includes tuition, books, kit and lab fees.

Enroll now, Limited space.

For more information call 239-377-9900.

Fishing

Join a park ranger and learn to fish or just come enjoy fishing if you already know how. Rods, reels and bait supplied. This program will be on the 4th Thursday of each month at Lake Trafford.

Project Graduation

For more information call: Floreida Ocanas 239-834-2576 or Veronica Guerrero 239-377-1819. If you would like to donate, please mail your donation to 701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee, FL 34142. Checks should be made out to Immokalee High School - Project Graduation. If you need any more information please contact Floreida Ocanas at 239.834.2576 or Veronica Guerrero at 239.377.1819.

Volunteer tax assistance

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Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit and free e-file and tax preparation. Bring proof of identification, social security cards, birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents, W-2, W2-G and 1099-R statements, interest and dividend statements, a copy of last year's Federal and State returns if available, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit and total paid for day care provider and day care provider taxpayer ID number. Come to Catholic Charities Guadalupe Social Services, 211 South 9th St. Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays 10 am.-2 p.m.

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Medical class available

iTECH is pleased to announce the opening of a brand new Medical Billing and Coding class to begin on or about March 1st of this year. This 1,000 hour training program gives students a certificate of completion and prepares them to be nationally certified as a biller/coder. This course is also eligible for Pell Scholarship funding.

Also, please welcome the school's newest instructor, Donna Jolly, who comes from Georgia with several years of teaching experience in Medical Billing and Coding.

2013 ORV permits on sale

The 2012 the 2013 ORV permits for Big Cypress National Preserve are on sale at the ORV Permit Office located in the Oasis Visitor Center. For more information on ORV use within the preserve and permits required for this recreational access go to - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/orv-use.htm>

You may also contact the ORV office at 239-695-1205. The ORV office is open from Thursday through Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Mondays the office is open for permit renewals only.

SWFL Community Foundation to hold grant workshops

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Feb. 27, 2013) – The Southwest Florida Community Foundation will host grant workshops across the five-county area it serves the week of March 18, 2013.

The grant workshops are meant to inform nonprofit agencies about the various grant opportunities available through the foundation.

According to the Community Foundation's Director of Programs, Anne Douglas, the series will address changes to the foundation's current grant programs and updates on the 3D initiative.

"Grants can be a considerable source of frustration for nonprofits," said Douglas. "These informational workshops are meant to breakdown the confusion and questions and make the process as simple and pain free as possible so that we are able to get funds into the hands of the community organizations that need them."

Sessions include: Monday, March 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Alliance of the Arts located at 10091 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers; Tuesday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Clewiston Museum located at 109 Central Ave. in Clewiston, and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hendry County Economic

Development Council located at 644 S. Main Street in LaBelle; Wednesday, March 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Naples Daily News located at 1100 Immokalee Road in Naples; and Friday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County located at 2280 Aaron Street in Port Charlotte.

The SWFLCF is celebrating its 36th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs. With assets of more than \$64 million, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$54 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2012 fiscal year, the SWFLCF granted more than \$3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

Reservations are required by Friday, March 15. For more information, please call Anne Douglas at 239-274-5900, visit the web site at www.floridacommunity.com or RSVP to jremmel@floridacommunity.com.

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Boy Scout Troop 65 earns awards at Camporee

By Steve Thompson

Boy Scout Troop 65 sponsored by the Immokalee Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was honored at the recent annual Alligator District Camporee by being awarded a trophy as the "Top Troop" of the Camporee.

This is a singular honor as the Camporee includes all Boy Scout Troops in Collier County. It is the first time this honor has been won by an Immokalee Boy Scout Troop. In addition, the trophy award for Top Patrol of the Camporee was won by the Eagle Patrol of Troop 65, again a great honor. Troop 65's Eagle Patrol is composed of 11-year-old Scouts and this was their very first overnight campout. Patrol Leader Wilkerson Julien accepted the trophy on behalf of his patrol, accompanied by Eagle Patrol members Manuel Exantus, Sebastian Navarette, Jean St. Facile, J.J. St. Facile, and Webelos Scout Adrian Ramirez. Scoutmaster James Michael Rice related, "The fact that this is the first time camper patrol won this Top Patrol Trophy shows how hard these young men worked to do well in the Camporee events."

The theme of this District Camporee was the Medieval "Search for the Holy Grail." Events in which the Boy Scouts competed by patrols (consisting of 6 to 10 boys each) included: Quest for the Holy Grail Canoeing, Save the Castle Obstacle Course, Robin Hood Arrow Shootout, Hatchet Throwing, Moat Crossing, Jousting Knights, Medieval War Hammer Throw, Castle Defense Moitars,



Submitted photos/Donna Thompson
Immokalee Blazer Patrol (L to R) Boys: Sebastian Navarrete, Kervens Felix, Nervertesonne Lahens, Wikerson Julien, Wilson Joseph, Manuel Exantus, Jean St. Facile, J.J. St. Facile (Leaders- Antonio Navarrete and Stephen Thompson)

Spam—a-Lot Eating Contest, and Castle Wall Climbing. Troop-wide events included a Cardboard Canoe Regatta, where the boys made boats out of cardboard and duct tape, then tried to race them competitively across the camp swimming pool to the delight of onlookers as some sank, capsized and a few even made it across! Another troop level

contest was to build a functioning catapult by hand, and use it to launch grapefruits, competing for distance thrown.

The Camporee concluded with a campfire program at the Camp Miles amphitheater, where a large simulated castle had been constructed and the Scouts presented medieval themed skits to the delight of all.



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Troop 65 Eagle Patrol member, Sebastian Navarette 11 yrs old, set to release an arrow at his target in the Robin Hood Archery Contest where he won for best target shot.

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