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Ft. Myers /Lee County Presents their 24th Annual Fashion Event

Give To Achieve

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 10:00-3:00
The Legends, 8600 Legends Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33902-2115

Raffles, Silent Auction, Money Hats, Wine Pull, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Lunch & Fashion Show featuring Chico's, Soma, and White House Black Market from The Bell Tower Shops

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Date: Saturday, Sept. 16

Gathering: 11:30 A.M.

Location: The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club, 5200 S Landings Dr.

Luncheon Menu:

**Choice 1: Strawberry Spinach Salad
with Grilled Chicken**

**Choice 2: Turkey Club Wrap with Fresh
Fruit**

Desert: Chef's Choice or Fruit Cup

Beverages from the bar are available.

Wait staff will accept charge cards.

Reservations:

Tina Hoegler will be taking reservations. Please contact her no later than Monday, September 11 at (941) 505-8483 or c_hoegler@msn.com

Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, September 12; otherwise payment is expected. Price of the luncheon is \$20.00.

Our Speaker: Molly Schweers

Molly Schweers is the Public Outreach and Education Coordinator for Lee County Solid Waste.

She is a self-professed "trash nerd" and award-winning public relations professional. Ms. Schweers is passionate about spreading awareness of the importance of solid waste management to a community's overall quality of life.

Molly has a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from New Mexico State University and a Master of Public Administration from Florida Gulf Coast University. A native New Mexican, she and her husband have lived in Fort Myers for fifteen years and have two grown children.

Lee County residents recycle about 85,000 tons of material annually. We have been in the top of recycling counties of Florida every

year since 2002 and are usually in the top 5.

Of the 85,000 tons of material people put in their recycle carts, about 14,000 tons (16%) is residue (Trash).

The residue costs over \$400,000 to dispose of that is money that could otherwise be used to improve the system and keep rates down.

Improper recycling costs us all money.

24th Annual Fashion Show
Save the Date:
Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 2017

Give to Achieve will be held at the Legends Golf and Country Club, 8600 Legends Blvd., Fort Myers, 33912. It is located just off Daniels Road. Please help make this year's event an outstanding success.

If you are a new member, PLEASE volunteer to be one of our models and for all our members, please assist with our solicitations for donations, the donation letters will be available at our meetings.

We are looking for restaurant gift cards, wine or other alcoholic beverages, merchandize gift cards, and donations for raffle baskets of any kind. Other ways to help this year's event is by volunteering to help to set up the raffle and auction items, act as a greeter, a runner, a ticket taker or help with the models.

Please contact Cathy Tucker by email cptucker@embarqmail.com.



President's Message...from
Marilyn Myli
What's Next?

Being a member of the Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, for many years I have met and worked with really talented and enjoyable members and am so pleased to be your Branch President for the 2017-2018 year.

I am looking forward to working with an outstanding Board of Directors and hope that many other members will contribute and volunteer their help in our activities and grow our membership.

Through financial awards and scholarships, our branch has continued helping young women who have the goal of completing their formal education. We would like all members to continue to personally help in enhancing this worthy cause.

Our branch has only one big fund raiser, which is the fashion show. To make this show successful takes a great deal of time and effort. We can always use your help.

Of course our monthly luncheon with an interesting speaker is what we all enjoy as members of this great association. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on September 16.

Marilyn Myli



2017-2018

The AAUW FGCU Endowed \$1500 Scholarship is awarded for the second year to Emily Young pursuing a Nursing degree.

The AAUW Sue Gottcent \$2000 Scholarship is awarded to Michele Gendron who will complete her associate degree in nursing this fall then continue her studies for her bachelor's in Nursing at FSW.

The AAUW FSW Endowed \$1000 Scholarship is awarded to freshman Jessica Pittroff. Information of degree to be pursued is not available.

The AAUW Lee County High School Graduate \$1000 Award has been given to East County High School graduate Joanna Rivero who will be studying nursing at FSW.

The Star-Bright Memorial Fund will award \$1000 in the fall to a student entering the second semester at either Fort Myers or Cape Coral Technical College.

Kiwanis Thomas Alva Edison Science and Technology and Engineering Fair Awards:

The \$500 Top Entry award has been given to Shreeya Desai for her project "Fuel for Thought: The Use of Amylase to Increase Production of Ethanol from Food Waste."

The \$100 First Time Participant Award has been presented to Alexandria Williams for her project "Diet Coke Eruption"

The GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science) Program at Whitaker Center for STEM Education at FGCU has been supported for the third year with a \$1000 donation.

Your donations, your fundraising has made "Empowering Women" possible!

Janet George, Scholarship Chair

Name Tags

Are you interested in a name tag? Please contact Marlene Palmer. Cost: \$8.22 Make check payable to Marlene Palmer, 9149 Shadow Glen Way, Fort Myers, FL 33913 (239-768-9824) Be sure to include your complete name.

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