



FORT MYERS
BEACH
Woman's Club

FMB-WC Member News

January 2023

We Are Committed to Rebuild!

Hurricane Ian can't stop us!

December continued to be a busy month for The Woman's Club board and volunteers. Not only have most of us been trying to get our homes and businesses back up and running, but we also have been giving back more than ever.

On December 10th, we held a "Mini Christmas Tree Festival" and raised over \$13,000 for local non-profits and the 33931 Fund. (More about this great event later in the newsletter)

We continue to raise money for the #WeAreFMB 33931 Fund with our partner, The Community Foundation, and we hosted our second membership meeting at a local restaurant.

At our January board meeting, your board voted and is committed to rebuild the community clubhouse after its destruction from Hurricane Ian.

The historic Woman's Clubhouse was the island's first official schoolhouse, a teenager's dance hall and a community meeting place. Built in 1938, it ran as a school until 1948 when it could no longer house all the island children. The historic building serves as a remembrance to the Estero island architecture. Throughout the past 82 years, it has weathered many storms, but sadly, we lost this treasure on September 28th, 2022 to Hurricane Ian.

"We have saved the original signage and cameo that was outside the clubhouse," said Megan Allers, VP of Facilities. "We also saved some of the original pecky cypress wood that was prevalent throughout the original schoolhouse."

In 2020, the Woman's Club began the process of a Capital Campaign, but was stalled by Covid. Now

with Hurricane Ian, a new plan will be developed. No date has been set for the new Capital Campaign and rebuild, but the Woman's Club is committed to rebuilding a community hub for the town and non-profits to enjoy.

Update to our Fundraising:

With generous donations from all over the world, The Woman's Club has been able to make the following contributions back to our community:

- \$250,000 direct donation— to the #WeAreFMB 33931 Fund, which has distributed \$565,000 to Residents in the 33931 Zip Code. We have also given \$10,000 to the Beach Baptist for the food pantry which services residents of 33931. We have also given \$10,000 to Cultivating Hope, who is providing washers and dryers on the island for residents.
- Our Christmas Tree Festival raised an additional \$10,060 to the #WeAreFMB Fund, and \$3,175 for area nonprofits.
- \$5,000 was donated to Wishlist Items that were purchased for FMB Elementary Teachers.
- More than \$40,000 has been purchased in supplies for the Buttonwood Donation facility, including generators, power washers, shop vacs and power tools. The Buttonwood Donation facility is manned by local volunteers and gives food, and supplies to residents who live in the 33931 zip code.
- \$7,500 was donated to FMB Tip Jar for employees on the island.

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The Mini Christmas Tree Festival was a HUGE SUCCESS

It was a great night at the Woman's Club 2022 Christmas Tree Festival! Over 150 people ventured out to the Man Caves to help support local non-profits and fundraising efforts for Fort Myers Beach.

The parking lot was decorated in the holiday spirit and featured over 125 "mini" Christmas trees and wreaths donated by The White Egret Shop in Anna Maria Island.

Our elves served drinks and food trucks from Rude Shrimp and La Ola served up delicious meals. We raised over \$13,000 for area non-profits and the #WeAreFMB 33931 Fund.

Congratulations

Congratulations to islanders, Nan and Jeff Williams, for winning the grand prize drawing for a Room for Two at the Margaritaville Grand Opening!

A HUGE Thank You to the "White Egret Shop" on Anna Maria Island, for providing and decorating 150+ trees for our fundraiser! Spread the word to go into their shop while visiting there and thank them!

Thank you to Scott Allan for hosting us at Island Suites Man Caves!



Thank you to Tre and Amy Gillette from Tuckaway Cafe for their fantastic charcuterie presentation.

Shout out to entertainer and performer, Sheena. Brook for her great musical skills and donating her time and energy.

And thank you to Sanibel Captiva Community Bank for sponsoring the event. We could not have done it without you all.

Thank you to Barb Jaeger and her staff for making the beautiful trees and wreaths for the Mini Christmas Tree Festival. We could not have done it without her! Be sure to visit her store, The White Egret, in Anna Maria Island.





PickleJar's Tuesday's Tribute to Santa Claus on December 6th was a huge success.

The event raised money for the Fort Myers Beach Women's Club to support efforts to help kids affected by Hurricane Ian.

Pictured (L-R) are: Jerrod Niemann, Gavin Lee, Harper Grace, Josiah Siska, PickleJar's Kristian Barowsky, Santa Claus, Lauren Lucas and Silverfish Media's Patrick Thomas.

Guitar Raffle Nets Woman's Club \$1,615

The guitar was signed and donated to the Woman's Club by the band STYX who performed at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Center Thursday night. The winner of the signed guitar was Amy McCormish from Naples, seen here with members of the Woman's Club

An additional \$460 was raised from for the Woman's Club at a performance in Orlando Wednesday night. Proceeds from another STYX concert on Sunday in Melbourne are also coming to the Woman's Club.

And the band gave two additional signed guitars to the Woman's Club to raffle off at future events.



We Are Committed to Rebuild! *(continued)*

Our Membership meeting in January was at Bayfront Bistro and we had a fantastic turnout. Our next meeting will be at The Lighthouse Tiki Bar & Grill at 1051 Fifth Street at 6 pm February 1st.

Your board is starting our succession planning. President, Monica Schmucker, has served her designated two years and we will be voting on a new President and Board. We are looking for more members to get involved on our committees as

we continue to grow the club and start planning to resume activities on the beach.

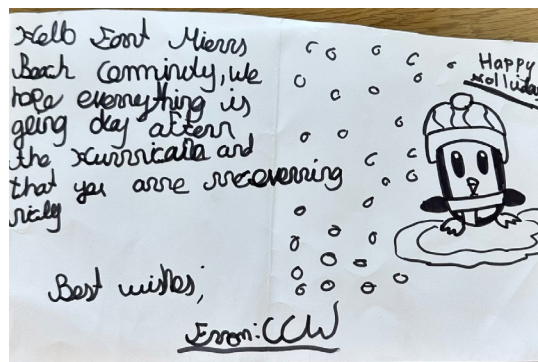
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in any capacity, great or small. We have all moved mountains - literally mountains of sand - to help our slice of paradise come back bigger and stronger. We thank you all!

– Your Board

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM SOME OF OUR DONORS

The Children's Center of Weston, Massachusetts, a private, non-profit after-school program chooses a charity each year. This year the students chose the #33931 Fund.

"We have so many gift cards and a monetary contribution to send to support families, individuals, businesses, students while rebuilding throughout the holiday season. Families and children showed great compassion and children learned a lot about how their contributions and donations will help. We had an outreach with wishing stars in which gift cards were returned and a raffle in which we collected monetary donations as well as gift cards," wrote Beth Perry, Director.



Above is just one of the handwritten notes we received at The Woman's Club.



THANK YOU to All Our Member Volunteers

This is a shout out to all The Woman's Club members who have been donating their time and energy to all the Hurricane Ian Efforts.

While many of you have helped clean up for friends and neighbors, delivered meals, picked up friend who lost a car, we toast you all!

Here are some other places where your members have been helping:

- 820 Buttonwood Donation Site
- Kiwanis Donation Site
- 33931 Fund Donation to residents

Thank you to everyone for all their efforts in working together to rebuild FMB.

#WeAreFMB
Resilient

If any of our members are in need of assistance, please let us know. We will try and help in any way that we can.

Our Beloved Historic Clubhouse is Gone



It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that our historic clubhouse was destroyed by Hurricane Ian.

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It ran as a school until 1948 when it could no longer house all the island children. The historic building served as a remembrance to the Estero Island architecture. Throughout the past 82 years, it has weathered many storms, but could not withstand this past hurricane.

Our Historic Signs were found!

While the clubhouse may be gone, we have a few things that were salvaged from the past 74 years

Want to Send a Donation?

Help Us Do More for FMB! – Donate to the Woman's Club

Or you can purchase items from the Woman's Club Hurricane Ian Recovery List. If you don't see something today, check again tomorrow - as things are being added daily, as we get requests. These items are going directly to homeowners: https://smile.amazon.com/.../19Z.../ref=nav_wishlist_lists_3

Target Registry also has items that are needed. <https://www.target.com/.../hurricaneianrelief-fmbwomansclub>



FMB Tip Jar

If you want to support a specific server or business, you can see if they've registered here, and "tip" them directly: <https://www.fmbtipjar.com/>

Local Volunteer Sign-Ups

Live local and want to volunteer to help those affected on Fort Myers Beach and the surrounding areas? We need volunteers. 820 Buttonwood Fort Myers Beach Site: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0949afa628a6f58-ianrelief>

The Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club 501C3 non-profit: 59-6133785

The mission of the Woman's Club is to support educational and recreational activities for non-profit and charitable organizations operating within the greater Fort Myers Beach community. Grand Prize Ineligibility: FMB-WC Board Members are not eligible for the Grand Prize. 501C3: 59-6133785

* Paying this fee, you agree to the following COVID Guidelines: 1) All Team Members are required to wear masks and socially distance as required by local COVID requirements. 2) Disinfecting wipes will be at each participating hole, to be used between.

THANK YOU TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS! As of 12-31-22

Champion of the Club – \$5,000 and Up

Adam Botana	Danielle Neureuther	King Family	Rebecca Smith
Anonymous	Donovan	Foundation	Sanibel Captiva
Beach Talk Radio	Frauendienst	Mike & Tammy	Community Banks
Christine & Theodore	Janath Gode	Bourgon	SCNEJ Foundation
Badley	Jeff & Sue Greischar	National Development	Sheri LaPatka
Create My Tee	Jorge Barrera	Council	Speedonthewater.
Dairy Joy Drive-In	Karen Woodson	Patrick Jones	com Inc.
Daniel & Sarah	Ketchum Charitable	Peggy & John	
Rudrud	Foundation	Comerford	

Patron of the Club – \$1,000 - \$4,999

Allan Development	Gayle Crabtree	Kevin & Jennifer	Roger & Laura
Azam Rangoonwala	Pergoli	Walker	Jacobsen
Barbara Grabowski	Holzmann Family	Kiewit Companies	Roxana Rascoe
Bob & Judy Holzmann	Charitable Fund	Foundation	Rusty & Jody Wood
Cheryl Honc	J.A. Mueller	Laura & Roger	Stacy's Nursery
Christopher Houden	Charitable	Jacobsen	Suzanne Slominski
Debra Mauzey	Foundation	Leandra Olson	SWFL Parrot Head
Double A Promotions	James Latta	Mary Preston	Club
Eddie Rood	Jennifer Walker	Michael Berra	The Children's Center
Elite Events of	John King	Nancy Essington	of Weston
Music City	Julie Bennett	Race World Offshore	Theresa Sullivan
	Kathleen Lynes		

Donor of the Club – \$500 - \$999

Allegra Davis	Dolores Hopeman	Lisa Cichy	Ric & Dolores
Buckett's Wings &	Francis Mertz	Mary Ledigh	Hopeman
More	James Beatty	Michael Handleton	The Campbell Group
Christel Dreier	Linda Beck	Michelle Schuline	Veronique Pascual
Dennis Prock			

Contributor of the Club – \$100 - \$499

Allison Elder	Carl Kaufman	Don & Denise	Jennifer & Kenneth
Amy Wiedmeyer	Carol Frattaroli	Thomas	Drenth
Angel Delgado	Carol Myslivecek	Donnajean Hoover	Jennifer Smith
Ann Anderson	Carol Taddeo	Ellen Lynch	Jerome Burkhard
Ann Campbell	Cherisse Stevens	Ellen Vaughan	Jill Newman
Anne Vandergeest	Cynthia Hill	Eric Heimlich	Jill Richardson
Anne-Marie	Daniel Rambur	Erin Forstrom	Joan Scannell
Cadwallader	David Woodman	Gina Gullo	Jodi Stein
Beth Bacha	Dawn Ferguson	Gott Enterprises	John Edwards
Brandie Brandewie	Dawn Hrebec	James Prendergast	John Goggin
Breckenfelder Family	Debra Horner	Janis Johnston	Jorie Trenor
Charitable Fund	Debra Rosenberg	Jeffrey Borst	Judith Chase
Caitlin Skelton	Dennis Butler		June Denison

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Contributor of the Club – \$100 - \$499

Karin Koplin	Mallory Breen	Nancy Zelenak-Heder	Stephanie Buboltz
Kathleen Hester	Margaret Baker	Nikoli Saehr	Steve Gott
Kathleen Slattery	Margaret Metcalfe	Pam Palm	Sue Yant
Kathlyeen Hester	Maria Elena Rubio	Pamela Luken	Susan Cox
Kathy Breen	Mary Brinza	Pat & Ellen Vaughan	Susan Thornton
Kathy Harris	Mary Seifert	Paul Cusick	Teri Landry
Kimberly Powell	MB Glass	Paul Dausman	The Covia Foundation
Kirsta Cobb	Melissa Crowley	Raquele Kardos	The Woodmans
Kristi Anderson	Michelle Brown	Renate Schroeder	Todd Hurt
Lawrence Megan	Michelle Nist	Ronald Goldberg	Victoria Staryk
Leigh Brindle	Mike Wood	Sharon O'Connell	William Bonner
Leland	Molly Fremgen	Sharon Olsen	
Lisa Walters	Nancy Foley	Shelly Basso	
Lori Crawley	Nancy Webber	Stacey Levitt	

Friend of the Club – \$0 - \$99

Alyssa Ford	Grace Godfrey	Laurie Sokolak	Paul Thomas
Amy Clark	Hannah Williams	Loretta Cook	Penny Helberg
Amy King	Heather Lee	Lynn Beauregard	Rebecca Olson
Amy Kurtz	Fieldhack	Madison Heemstra	Regina Heim
Angela Cusato	Helen Crumbie	Marcella Lively	Richard Whitaker
Barry Gray	Jack & Debbie Kotas	Maria Manetas	Saffiatu Kamara
Ben Scala	James Stickle Jr.	Marianne Pogue	Sean Ford
Beth Howe	Jennifer Tomilson	Marissa Turk	Shannon Williams
Betty Addressi	Joshua Farrow	Mary George	Shelly Behrens
Brenda Schroeder	Joyce Schmidt	Mary Spielberger	Sherry Fox
C Harrower	Joyce Sterner	Mary Wiedmeyer	Susan Miller
Carole Lucas	Judy Francis	Maryanne Kosater	Tami Dorr
Carrie Pisarek	Kacie Kupsy	Matthew Wittig	Tammy Bratcher
Catherine McCauley	Kajdhiggins	Melanie Anton	Tammy Singer
Christina Cabadas	Karen McCaffrey	Melanie Rycerz	Tim Gordon
Christy Burleson	Kathleen Mulheran	Melissa Lorenzo	Timothy Mace
Corrine Solberg	Kelcey Hardine	Melissa Sugierski	Tonya Peterson
Definitely Different	Kira's Oasis	Michael McDevitt	Tracy Livingstone
Deonna Straw	Kori Mulholland	Michael Weber	Tracy Yorton
Dulce Pereira	Kori Walker	Momodu Kamara	Virginia Gant
Elaine Flatman	Kristin Bartlet	Nicole Van Ells	Wendy Lucka
Geri Gibbs	Lani Willette	Nicollet Markovetz	
Ginger Stein	Laura Almonte	Patricia Swift	

A Big THANK YOU to The Ketchum Charitable Foundation.

The Woman's Club, along with other beach non-profits, received a generous check of \$30,000. When asked about their generous donations to several Fort Myers Beach non-profits. . .

“Brian and Gina Ketchum and the Ketchum Foundation wanted to invest in the community and assist organizations that they trust in to rebuild and use the money in the most beneficial and successful way”



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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 1st – 6:00 PM

The Lighthouse Tiki Bar & Grill – 1051 Fifth Street FMB

We are resuming our monthly meetings. Guests are welcome to join us, as well as, anyone who wants to learn more about The Woman's Club.

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

March 1st – 6:00 PM

Rude Shrimp – 1365 Estero Blvd FMB

In an effort to support those businesses on the island who have reopened, The Woman's Club will be holding our monthly meetings at local area restaurants and bars. **Please check our website at www.fmb-wc.org to see the calendar of current events.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Allison O'Donald

Angela Scibelli

Angelynn Marsden

Annabell Potter

Belladonna Films LLC

Cheryll Ravellette

Christine Badley

Dana Brosord

Gail Boothe

Kristin Fuhr

Lindsey Simcoe

Lonram Littrell

Luanda Benitez

Lynn Randolph

Mary Ellen Campuano

Melissa Thomas

Michele Cherney

Pamela Flaherty