

January 14, 2011 meeting of The Women's Auxiliary of The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County

The Auxiliary met for a breakfast meeting at the club and was attended by 7 members.

Emily James delivered a beautiful Naples beach landscape oil painting as a donation for an event prize. Emily is a well known and respected artist with her own gallery on 5th Avenue South.

Tracy LoPresto , (TracyAnneLop@yahoo.com... Phone 239-728-8530) chairwoman of the **February 20th Presidential Fashion Show** needs volunteers:

- **to ask for gift donations** from various businesses, such as travel agencies, spas, beauty salons, art studios, etc.
- **to help as "dressers"** in assisting the models in dressing for their modeling walks,
- **to sell tickets which are \$125.** (*The tickets may be purchased by calling the Boys & Girls Club at 325-1765*)

Cormac Giblin (cGiblin@bgccc.com Phone 239-325-1714) reported on the March 10th **Blue Grass** event to be held at the First Presbyterian Church from 7-10PM. He needs help from us by:

- Buying and selling tickets which may be picked up at the club. There will be a need for volunteers to **sell and collect tickets on the night of the event.** It was agreed that members could pick up tickets to sell directly to others.
- Securing sponsors for \$2000, \$1,500 and \$500 which will include 8 tickets and recognition on the program for the event.
- **Distributing flyers to music stores, and both middle and high school music directors of the jazz and marching bands**

Patty Rutzler reported that she was going to be making tickets available at the First Presbyterian Church office for sale and was going to include information about the event in the church's monthly newsletters sent to their membership. Tickets for this event are **\$10.00**. Tracy LoPresto suggested that flyers about this event be distributed to local music stores and that perhaps some of those store owners might be interested in being sponsors. Arlene mentioned that she would ask the proprietor of Steinways to take some of the flyers, and possibly sign on as a sponsor.

Sandra Buxton, (Phone 239-404-9449... njournal@comcast.net) Chairwoman of the **January 20th "A Taste of Shula's"** was unable to make the meeting due to her work, but needs members to:

- Buy and Sell tickets to friends
- Help assemble the Shula gift bags

There was significant discussion about setting aside the idea of re-establishing the "**Ask Breakfast**" for this year, so we may focus on the current projects and investigate possibilities of establishing an entirely **new Signature Event for 2012**, with a celebrity speaker, such as Colin Powell or an entertainment or sports figure. It was agreed that such an event would require paying a speaker's fee, but that such speakers typically bring in big results. We discussed having the next signature event at a resort or hotel like the Ritz. Such an event would require more expensive tickets, in the range of \$750. One comment was that many people wouldn't want it to be a "black tie" affair, but yet still would want a high caliber event. There was agreement that having a highly successful signature event would significantly reduce the need for many smaller projects which produce less money, but require lots of work.

It was decided to have a general membership light luncheon meeting on **Friday, February 11th at 12:00 Noon.**

Phyllis Harris, Acting Secretary