



LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTERS NEWSLETTER

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SENATOR MARCO RUBIO HONORS VIETNAM VETERANS WITH COMMEMORATIVE PIN

As part of a three-day, four-stop tour, Senator Rubio joined the Lee County Sheriff's Office in honoring Southwest Florida Vietnam veterans.

The State of Florida is home to approximately one-half million Vietnam-era veterans and Senator Rubio set aside time to recognize and pay tribute to all of our local



veterans.

A significant number of LCSO employees proudly served in the armed forces and appreciated the recognition. The senator made stops here in Estero as well as Tampa, The Villages and Miami.

FGCU PRESIDENT ADDRESSES ROTARY CLUB AT LCSO COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER IN ESTERO

Dr. Michael V. Martin, President of Florida Gulf Coast University, spoke to a large gathering of members from the Rotary Club of Fort Myers Sunset.



Martin, a survivor of the Polio epidemic that struck the United States in the middle 1950s, discussed his survival and

the manner in which it encouraged him to pursue higher education.

Dr. Martin came to FGCU from Colorado State University where he served as Chancellor Emeritus and Senior Fellow following three years as Chancellor. Martin additionally served at Louisiana State University, New Mexico State University, the University of Minnesota, the University of Florida and Oregon State University.

Dr. Martin has extensive knowledge in the area of Agriculture and has served on the Farm Foundation Board of Trustees and the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium.

PET ADOPTION DAY, WITH SANTA, AT LCSO MIROMAR COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

The Lee County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Lee County Domestic Animal Services, hosted "Pet Adoption Day" at our community outreach center in Estero.

Having enjoyed his Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Claus at the North Pole, Santa is on the move and trying to help us find homes for pets in need.



Interested in providing a loving home for a furry shelter friend?

Please contact Lee County Domestic Animal Services, 5600 Banner

Drive, Fort Myers (239-533-7387), the Gulf Coast Humane Society, 2010 Arcadia Street, Fort Myers (239-332-0364), the Cape Coral Animal Shelter, 325 SW 2nd Avenue, Cape Coral (239-573-2002) or visit Mutty Paws Rescue at muttypawsrescue.org or by calling (561-891-8589).

LCSO COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT, CIVILIAN SUPPORT UNIT DISTRIBUTE CANDY, JUNIOR DEPUTY BADGES

Members of the Lee County Sheriff's Office greeted approximately 500 trick-or-treaters at the Beach Baptist Church "Trunk-or-Treat" Halloween event.



The event was held at the Connecticut Street facility and attracted visitors from all over Lee County.

Children enjoyed bounce houses, candy, games and so much more.

LCSO staff judged the church's costume and trunk-decorating

contests and distributed Junior Deputy badges to all trick-or-treaters at the Fort Myers Beach event.

LCSO COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER HOSTS MONTHLY ROTARY CLUB MEETING

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers Sunset meets at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Special guests and speakers discuss a variety of topics and spend time chatting with club members and guests.



Greg Poss, former Florida Everblades coach, educated the members about mental health and physical conditioning, as well as discussed his new book, "Fearless: The Winner's Mind (with Craig Handel of American Business Writers,



Inc.). LCSO Commander Daniel Cote and Club President, Ellen Ghelardi, greeted guests and members of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers Sunset following the event.

SPECIAL THANKS TO LAMOTTA'S PIZZA

Cape Coral Special Populations is extremely grateful to Carmelo LaMotta and LaMotta's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant for their kind and generous donation of both frozen turkeys and hot pizza!



The Lee County Sheriff's Office had the pleasure of delivering the donated food.

LaMotta's regularly donates to community causes and not-for-profit agencies. We're extremely appreciative and grateful for their generosity!

COMMUNITY "BIKE BUILD" FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

The Lee County Sheriff's Office hosted a "Bike Build" event so as to provide bicycles to 30 Lee County fourth and fifth graders. Children from New Horizons of SWFL enjoyed eating subs and receiving gift bags from LCSO deputies while over 170 sponsors and volunteers assembled their new bicycles.



LCSO CONDUCTS SCAM AVOIDANCE COURSE AT MIROMAR COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

Crime Prevention Specialist Heather Turco of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit presented "How to Steer Clear of Frauds and Scams" to the Daughters of the American Revolution at the LCSO Miromar Outlets Community Outreach Center.

Criminals utilize numerous methods to scam individuals out of money and information using advanced technologies. Our Crime Prevention Specialists routinely share the latest and most common methods hoping to prevent our residents and guests from becoming victims.



CANINES ON THE COUCH

Charlie (pictured) and his friends from the Gulf Coast Humane Society made themselves comfortable at the Lee County Sheriff's Office Edison Mall Community Outreach Center.



We certainly weren't going to tell Charlie where to sit during our pet adoption event!

LCSO will be hosting another such event at the Edison Mall Community Outreach Center on Thursday, December 9. Stop by and say hello to the adoptable furry friends!