



On the Calendar!

August 20 - Jim Finch, KFCC

August 27 - **Social** at Village
Brewhouse, Fisherman's Village at
11:30 am

Sept 3 - **Loveland Center**

Sept 10 - **Charlotte Harbor
School**

Sept 16 - **Wednesday** - **Board
Meeting** at the Event Center

Sept 17 - **Paul Polk**

Sept 22 - Tuesday, 5:30
Installation banquet at Beef
O'Brady's

Oct 17 - **Neighborhood Fall
Festival** 12-4 Laishley Park

Oct 31 - **Halloween**

Nov 7 & 8 - **Air Show**

Dec 5 - **Christmas at East**

Barbara Berman, Board Vice President of A.N.A.'s Friends



A.N.A.'s Friends stands for Abused, Neglected and Abandoned children in SW Florida. The organization serves these children in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Henry and Polk Counties. Formerly known as the Guardian ad Litem Foundation, Ana's Friends provides children with the support, care, guidance and resources they need to overcome adversity and build a brighter future for them.

Things they offer include new bed/sheets, money for school trips, and tutoring, baby items, and items needed to play sports. They offer "Heart Felt Hangouts" to allow children in foster care can get together with their siblings and have a nice day out. Gift cards are given to children so they can purchase clothes and school supplies. They used to hand out backpacks with items in them, but they realized that teachers now have different lists needed for the classroom. In 2025, Ana's Friends provided for 2250 regular needs, 471 beds, 661 emergency gift cards, 1600 essential items and 423 birthday celebration days. One-hundred percent of requests are met and usually met within 24 -48 hours.

Barbara has been a guardian ad litem volunteer and has worked with many children and watched them grow up. We were happy as a club to donate \$300 to Ana's Friends! Barbara was an amazing speaker and we all learned about this organization - many of us did not realize this organization existed!



8/6 - Tyler Skaathun

8/15 - Eddie Webb

8/16 - Debbie Bailey

8/27 - Mary Kay Mechlin



8/6 - Jim & Karon Finch

**8/23 - Richard & Barbara
Schnurr**

**8/23 - Gene & Theresa
Murtha**

8/27 - Gerry & Helen Wahl

8/27 - Susan & Jerry Jones

**We had 13 members and 3
guest present at our meeting
today!**



Eddie drew his own ticket this week - winning the \$17. He did not win the \$64 prize. We are blaming Frank and Bill who were sitting on each side of Eddie and were debating which of them would win. The vibes went to Eddie!



Caring for Kids



This week, Whitney and Debbie went shopping for 4 schools. Kingsway elementary, Deep Creek elementary, Punta Gorda Middle School and Port Charlotte High School. Liberty Elementary school got their request in this week too.

- . All 5 schools will receive their items by Friday!
- Thank you to Kay, Bill M, Ray, and Whitney for delivering the items this week!



Christmas at East Shopping

Stronger together!

All in! Kids win!

Kiwanis Strong!